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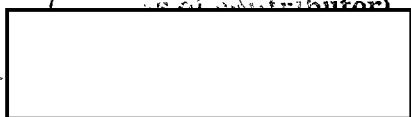
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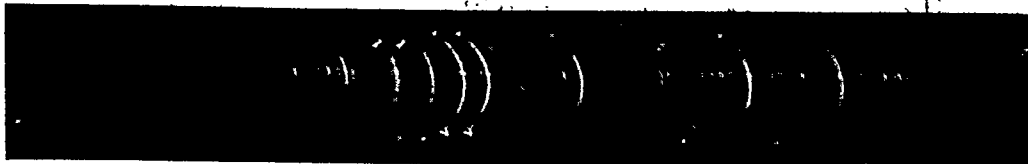
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"FINGERPRINTS OF THE ELEMENTS"

The crescents in these spectrograms are spectral lines coming from the edge of the sun, and the two big crescents in the series above represent calcium. This spectrogram was taken at the beginning of totality; the one on the opposite page, as the moon was moving off. In the latter the circle represents green light emitted from the coronal ring

Eclipse in Ak Bulak

The Harvard-M.I.T. Expedition to Russia Reports on Its Experiences and Results

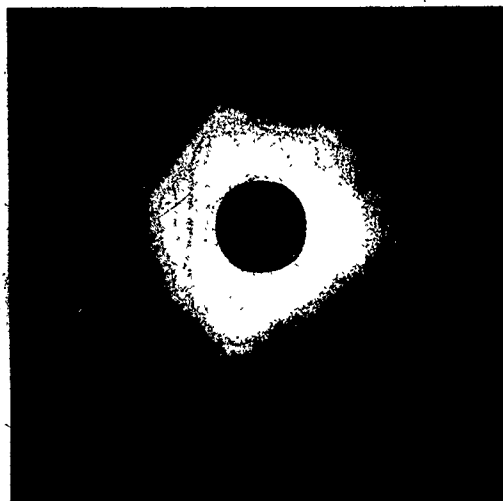
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THIS is an account, the first comprehensive official one, of the expedition that last spring carried 13 men (note the number), 9 women, and seven tons of instruments to the astonished village of Ak Bulak in Soviet Central Asia to observe for 117 seconds, weather permitting, the total eclipse of the sun on June 19. A year or so of study must precede any formal scientific publication of results, but it is possible now to suggest the extent to which we were successful in obtaining data, to describe our experiences in the U.S.S.R., and to detail a notable example of generous assistance to science by friends in this country and Russia.

M.I.T. cooperated with the Harvard Observatory in the expedition and our mutual objectives were the study of the spectra of the chromosphere and corona with as good spectrographs as we could beg, borrow, or build and an investigation, by our communication engineering colleagues, of the effect of the eclipse on radio transmission. The unexpected gift and loan of a coronal telescope and an illumination meter gave opportunity for additional observations not originally planned.

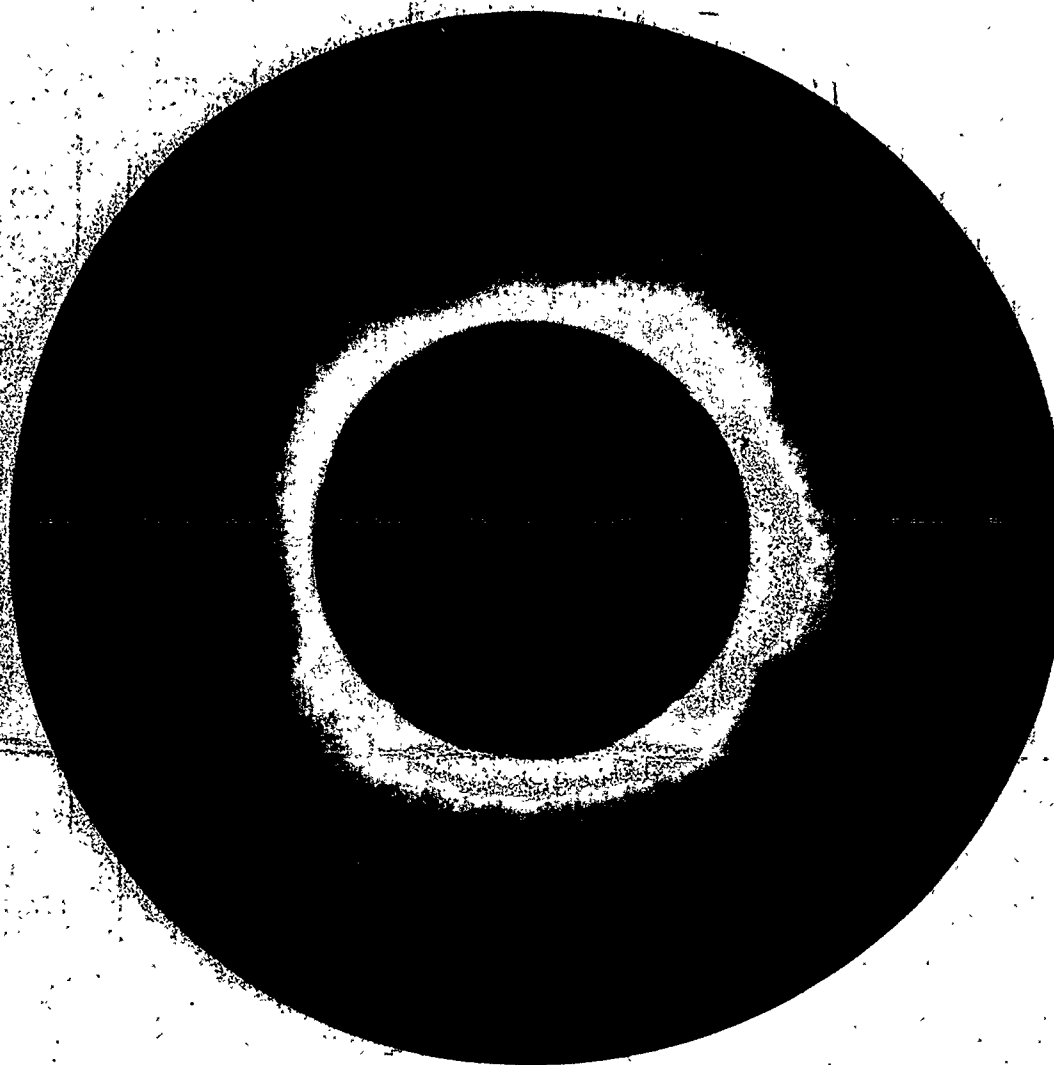
The design of the spectrographs presented a number of interesting engineering problems. Rigidity had to be obtained without loss of portability and some of the instruments had to be mounted on a polar axis so as to follow the motion of the sun across the sky. Where previous eclipse expeditions had relied mainly on wooden construction, it seemed to us that light metal alloys would meet the requirements even better. The Dow Chemical Company of Midland, Mich., was asked to help us and responded most generously by offering to fabricate the spectrograph frames and mountings out of Dowmetal, their light-weight alloy composed approximately of 96% magnesium and four per cent aluminum. We had borrowed, from our own institutions and elsewhere, a total of six diffraction gratings, and one set of prisms, which made possible the construction of seven spectrographs. A frame sufficiently rigid for one spectrograph is sure to be strong enough to bear the weight of several. Taking advantage of this fact, we designed a

multiple eclipse spectrograph, in which the component parts of four separate grating spectrographs were carried within one box. The box was pivoted in a sort of fork or cradle to permit adjustment to the sun's declination and the cradle, in turn, was mounted on a polar axis. The axis was fitted with a clock drive for following the sun's motion. Because of its fourfold capacity, we dubbed this multiple spectrograph the "quadruped." The prisms which, with lens and camera, formed another



A SIGN IN THE SKY

... the Russians called it, for the corona in this eclipse fortuitously assumed the form of a five-pointed star, the Soviet national emblem. This photograph, taken with a Zeiss Contax camera with telephoto lens, clearly shows the star pattern. It is unfortunate that the reproduction gives no idea of the delicate coloring, the lavender shades of the prominences, the frosty pattern of the coronal streamers as they rose two million miles above the surface of the sun and shaded off into the blue-black sky

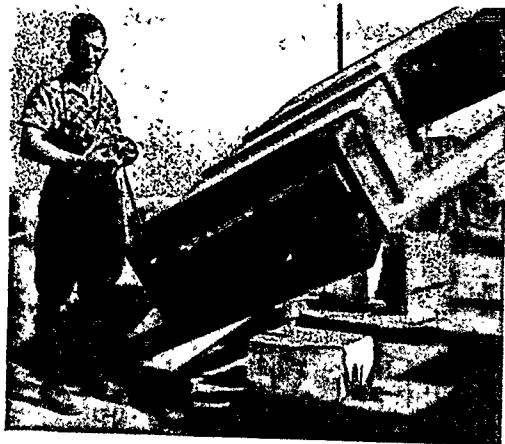


SEVEN THOUSAND MILES FOR THESE . . .

and other similar photographs journeyed 22 people and seven tons of astronomical instruments. And with good reason, for solar eclipses provide, through such records as these, data that scientists cannot obtain in their puny terrestrial laboratories. The spectrogram reproduced below is but one of some 3,500 cryptic records that the Harvard-M.I.T. Eclipse Expedition obtained in Russia last June and that, when analyzed, may solve some of the mysteries of the sun's corona.

A coronal telescope caught the picture shown above of the corona at totality. The brightness of this corona was 50 to 100 times greater than that of the full moon, whereas in previous eclipses the highest recorded intensity was about equal to that of the full moon.





WHILE ON LOCATION

... thus posed the leaders of the expedition, who are also the authors of the accompanying text: Left, Dr. Donald H. Menzel of Harvard University, who was in charge of the expedition. Right, Dr. Joseph C. Boyce of M.I.T., who assisted him. Dr. Menzel, who stands beside the six-camera "snowplow" spectrograph, holds in his hands a skull unearthed on the lot and that, in lieu of any identification, was affectionately dubbed Yorick, alas

spectrograph, were mounted in a Dowmetal case on top of the quadruped. For the two gratings remaining, a double spectrograph was designed in which compactness was sacrificed to wide spectral range. This double spectrograph, whose V shaped appearance gave it the name of the "snowplow," instead of being pivoted on a polar axis was set on stationary piers and received sunlight reflected from the moving mirror of a coelostat.

These spectrographs, after being constructed in Midland, were shipped to Cambridge where a room large enough to receive them was found in one of the mechanical engineering laboratories at Technology. Meanwhile lens and grating holders, some of the cameras, and other auxiliary equipment had been built in the M.I.T. physics shop under the able direction of Mr. Walter Kallenbach, chief mechanic. After preliminary adjustment, the instruments were taken apart and, with

additional equipment and supplies, packed for the long journey. Our eighth spectrograph, kindly lent to us by Bausch and Lomb, was shipped by them directly to the boat. This large laboratory instrument, with quartz prism, was fitted with a lithium-fluoride lens that formed an image of the sun on the slit of the spectrograph. This lens was ground from a large single crystal grown in the George Eastman Research Laboratory by Professor D. C. Stockbarger. Owing to the peculiar physical properties of lithium fluoride, simple lenses made of this substance are very nearly achromatic.

The radio equipment employed to record the effect of the eclipse on the ionosphere was designed and built in the Cruft Laboratory at Harvard, under the direction of Professor H. R. Mimno. The height of the region that reflects radio waves depends on the frequency and also changes from night to day. Equipment was used for measuring the time interval elapsing between the sending of a pulse upward and the returning of the echo. Since the speed of the signal is known, the effective heights of the reflective layers can be calculated. These measures were carried out at two fixed frequencies by one set of apparatus while another set operated at frequencies varied continuously over a wide range.

In Russia, the members of the expedition were guests of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. Freight rates were cut and the Academy arranged for Intourist to provide us as far as possible with first-class rail and hotel accommodations at the regular third-class price. Dr. B. P. Gerasimovič, director of the Poulkova Observatory in Leningrad, who made arrangements for all the foreign expeditions (totaling 70 scientists) in the country, did everything in his power to facilitate our work. We were particularly fortunate that our choice of an observing site at Ak Bulak, Kazakstan, in Soviet Central Asia coincided with that of his own Poulkova expedition. In making this selection, we were influenced by the favorable weather record even though the sun was

Those Who Went

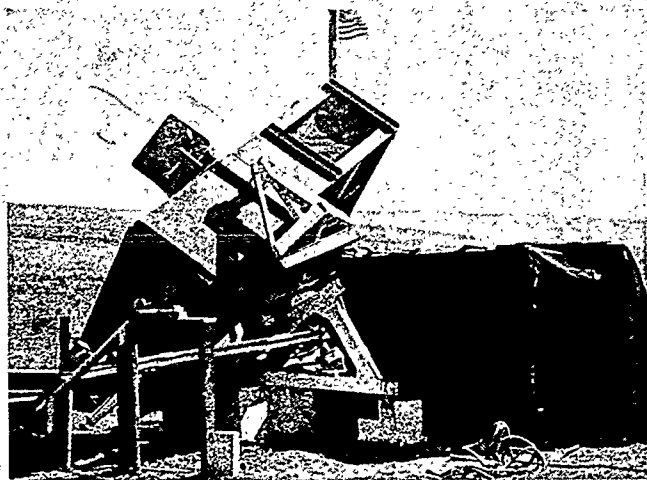
The personnel of the expedition included: Dr. D. H. Menzel of the Harvard Observatory, leader, and Mrs. Menzel; Dr. J. C. Boyce of the Physics Department at M.I.T.; Miss Henrietta H. Swope, Mrs. Emily Hughes Boyce, and Henry Hemmendinger of the Harvard Observatory; Paul King, J. A. Pierce, Harner Selvidge, and E. P. York of the Cruft Laboratory, Harvard; Jackson H. Cook, M.I.T. '36; Dr. W. R. Brode of Ohio State University and Mrs. Brode; Dr. R. d'E. Atkinson of Rutgers University and Mrs. Atkinson; A. E. Benfield, M.I.T. '34, now a research student in geophysics at Cambridge, England, and Mrs. Benfield; Dr. I. C. Gardner of the National Bureau of Standards and Mrs. Gardner; Dr. Clyde Fisher, director of the Hayden Planetarium of the American Museum of Natural History, New York City; Miss Catherine Stillman of the Vassar College faculty; and Miss M. O'L. Crowe of Albany, N. Y.

not so high in the sky as at certain stations farther east. Ak Bulak, which appears on but few maps, is a small town located on the Orenburg-Tashkent railway line between Ilets'k and Aktyubinsk.

The advance guard of the party left Moscow one evening early in May in the combination sleeping and dining car that was to be our home for the next seven weeks. The car was attached to the Tashkent express with two of our freight cars hooked on behind. The third freight car followed one day later. Very early on the third morning after leaving Moscow, our cars were deposited on a siding at our destination where we found the President of the local soviet waiting to greet us. His friendly act was typical of the treatment we received at the hands of all of the officials we met. As occasion arose this friendliness was matched by practical assistance, whenever we needed it. At times this help was rendered in a manner that was rather unexpected and puzzling to us, unaccustomed to Soviet methods and oriental psychology — but the assistance was nonetheless effective.

The population of Ak Bulak is 9,000, divided about equally between European Russians, who have come in since the railroad was built early in the century, and the native Kazaks, who are obviously of Mongolian origin. The people live in whitewashed adobe houses built along wide, and for the most part dusty streets. Separate schools are maintained for the two races, in line with the Soviet policy of encouraging minority groups to keep their own languages. The railroad station and yards now dominate the town, but various incidents kept reminding us that the railroad had only recently replaced the caravan.

The local farms use modern tractors, but the fuel for these machines is hauled from the station in camel-powered wagons. The surrounding country is semiarid and treeless, although trees are now being cultivated in the district. A special siding was built near the station for our car. Ordinarily the siding was disconnected from the main-line tracks, but when a car was to be moved a gang of men merely pulled up the main rails and bent



THE QUADRUPED

... or four-in-one multiple eclipse spectrograph, probably the largest eclipse spectrograph ever built

them around to join those of the siding. Then, after the car had been shifted, rails were restored to their original places. In addition to the car we had brought with us from Moscow, a baggage car served as a laboratory for the radio receiving equipment. Later on, as more people arrived, a second sleeping car was added. One room of the local bath house, which was put at our disposal every third afternoon, contained a real enameled bathtub sent from Moscow for our special benefit. The tub was installed in a somewhat unusual manner that in no way impaired its use. Large pipes supplied ample hot and cold water to faucets on the wall a foot or so above the tub. Imagine our surprise when, on withdrawing the large wooden plug from the drain, we found the contents of the tub pouring out on our feet, all over the cement floor, and finally running off through a hole in the corner.

The work of setting up the astronomical instruments proceeded smoothly. We were located on a hilltop nine miles from town and went back and forth in a Russian-built Ford. Since certain adjustments of



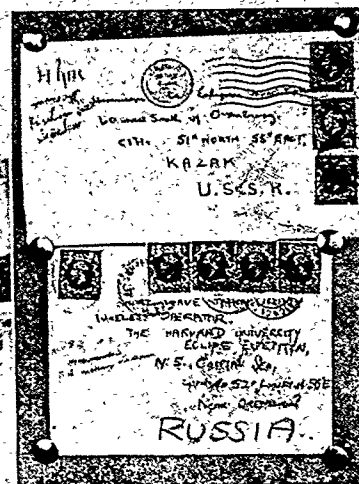
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... because the Russian food was excellent, but it made a good picture. The bread sawer is Henry Hemmendinger of the Harvard Observatory



ALOFT

... is Miss Henrietta Scope and exchanging pleasantries with her, the Russian host, Dr. B. P. Gerasimovich



FAN MAIL

... prompted by radio conversations reached the expedition with such varied addresses as shown

the instruments could be performed only at night, camping arrangements were set up on the observing site and were used with increasing frequency as the time of eclipse approached. Two trucks, brought in from Orenburg, transported our crates and boxes from the nearest railway siding, but afterwards we had to rely on more primitive methods of hauling. A camel cart from the town supplied us with boiled water for drinking and ordinary water from a neighboring stream for photographic purposes and general use. As hot weather came on, the camel cart delivered the ice that had been sent specially from Kuibishev, 250 miles away, to cool our store of photographic plates. Ox teams brought us our supplies of timber and bricks. The two small gasoline-driven Pioneer Gen-E-Motors ran almost continuously during the seven weeks' stay in camp. At the time of eclipse, they provided electricity for camera motors, but meanwhile they furnished current for many purposes—for lights at night, for the radio receiving set, for the electric drill and soldering irons, and for the spark gap we used as a light-source in focusing the spectrographs. Because our time for preparation at home had been limited, much work remained in assembling the spectrographs in the field. Of the six weeks we spent in Ak Bulak before the eclipse, not a day could be wasted.

Trouble of a serious sort greeted the radio party. Before leaving home we had received the assurance that alternating current at a particular voltage would be available at Ak Bulak 24 hours a day and all the radio equipment had been built accordingly. On arrival, we discovered to our consternation that the town's electric supply consisted of direct current available only from 9 P.M. to 2 A.M. After frantic days of speculation and uncertainty, we finally received word from the Academy of Sciences that they would install a special generator or, if that proved to be impossible, they would pay the cost of moving the radio part of the expedition to a site where the desired electric supply could be obtained. The village flour mill had a good Diesel engine and a small generator was located in Orenburg and brought down. For almost a month the mill was shut down in order that we might have an undisturbed source of power until after the eclipse. The difficulty in finding sufficient wire to transmit the power from the mill to the receiving instruments was likewise solved in the course of time. The transmitting equipment was installed at the mill and operated by remote control from the receiving position. After power was finally available and distributed, very little time remained for adjustment of the instruments as the program called for some days of continuous observations both before and after the eclipse to determine the normal conditions in the ionosphere over that part of the world.

The inhabitants of Ak Bulak and vicinity exhibited a restrained but friendly interest in the visitors and their work. A day or two after the packing cases had been unloaded on the hilltop, an aged Kazak, with shovel on his shoulder, walked over to visit us. His costume and cast of features were typically Asiatic. We were somewhat startled when he stepped up to one of our packing cases and started slowly to read aloud the stenciled address on it: "*Harvardskaya Ekspedicia*,

Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Ak Bulak via London and Leningrad." We later learned that in the Soviet campaign against illiteracy, the Arabic method of writing the Kazak and other Asiatic languages has been replaced by the Latin (Western European) alphabet. Many other visitors followed, particularly on rest days when some came from even as far as Orenburg, but no other visitor represented so strikingly what is going on in Central Asia. In town the natives were quite interested when some of the radio men used climbing spurs in putting up wire on the poles between the mill and the cars on the siding.

Our confidence in the local weather, which had grown rapidly as time went on with one morning after another clear, received a bad setback when a steady rain started on the morning of June 16. The drizzle continued the next day as well and we shall long remember the complete gloom radiated by our otherwise jovial host, Dr. Gerasimovič, when he brought us reports of unfavorable weather from all the stations in the U.S.S.R. along the eclipse track. "Seven thousand kilometers of rain," he said. Most of the morning of the 18th was clear, however, and we pushed forward last-minute adjustments, of which there were all too many. While the east was clear at sunrise on the eventful morning, the general cloudiness soon began to increase until the sky was completely overcast.

From then on we had only occasional fleeting glimpses of the sun until about "first contact," an hour before totality, when the clouds, withdrawing westward, formed a sort of arch over the sun. The appearance of the formation was spectacular. In the east, beneath the archway, the sun shone brilliantly, while heavy black clouds pressed down on us over the rest of the sky. We felt that we were looking out through the door of a dark cave into the sunlight. A low-flying airplane, thoughtfully provided by the government, sprayed poisonous fumes over the fields in the direction of the sun to protect us from swarms of locusts that might rise up and eclipse the eclipse.

As the moon covered more and more of the sun, the temperature fell perceptibly. The meteorological effect of the cooling saved the day for us, since it caused the clouds to descend into warmer strata and evaporate. At totality the sky was entirely free from clouds, except for a minute stratus formation that scintillated with delicate colors during the moments of darkness.

The solar crescent broke up momentarily into a series of brilliant beads, caused by sunlight filtering through valleys between the lunar peaks. As these disappeared, the solar corona, of which we had been conscious for some seconds, flashed out with its gracefully curved streamers stretching at least two million miles, almost three diameters, above the surface of the sun. In shape it closely resembled a five-pointed star, and many Russians regarded as symbolic its close resemblance to their national emblem. There were many prominences, like flames, projecting around the solar edge. Their color has generally been reported as red in previous eclipses, but Dr. Menzel, who observed with a three-inch telescope, noted them as being definitely purple or lavender, the shade being attributable, perhaps, to an exceptionally intense emission of the violet calcium lines. Dr.

Gardner's color photographs showed much the same effect.

During the eclipse, silence was broken only by the hum of generators and motors, the metallic clicking of the automatic cameras, the counting of the time-keeper, and an occasional sharp command from the director. The great crowd of natives that had gathered to watch the eclipse was quiet and orderly. The recent story, disseminated by certain newspapers, of widespread terror was concocted by some imaginative and none-too-conscientious reporter. The statement that "a woman and her daughter came screaming into Dr. Fisher's tent, crying that a dragon was devouring the sun," is entirely fiction, including the item of Dr. Fisher's tent which did not exist.

Observations with the spectrographs were confined to the two minutes of totality with additional exposures taken before and after. Observations with the supplementary instruments covered longer periods. Miss Swope took photographs with the coronal telescope at intervals throughout the partial phase as well as during totality. Observations with the Weston illumination meter, operated by Mrs. Boyce and Mrs. Benfield, began at sunrise and lasted until noon except for the cloud interruptions, and a similar program, for comparison purposes, had been carried out on the previous day.

Development of the films and plates began shortly after the eclipse and consumed most of the next three days. The majority of the films were standardized in order to make possible quantitative photometric measurements later on. All photographic processes were carried out in water hauled by camel cart from a distant stream. Filtering twigs, dirt, and even minnows and pollywogs from four barrels of water proved to be no small job—as the women of the party will attest. Fortunately no serious accidents occurred to the films. Only when development was complete were we really sure that all the instruments had functioned properly.

We were struck at once by the unusual brightness of the corona at this eclipse. The green coronal line was recorded in one-second exposures fully 30 seconds in advance of totality, whereas at the 1932 eclipse an exposure of 30 seconds during totality with a spectrograph of comparable speed gave a much fainter image of the line. Readings with the illumination meter gave us the result that brightness of the corona was from 50 to 100 times greater than that of the full moon, where in previous eclipses the highest recorded intensity was about equal to that of the full moon. While the coronal spectrograms are still in process of measurement, they definitely show a number of new coronal lines and make possible better measurements of certain previously known lines.

The spectrophotographic results from the expedition will be used for a number of special investigations, including the study of the corona, as mentioned above. For example, we have already noticed that the chromospheric lines of helium and ionized helium are from five to ten times more intense than they were at the 1932 eclipse. It now appears to be established definitely that the strength of these lines is related to the intensity of emission in the overlying corona. The observations

corroborate the previous suspicion that the spectrum of the chromosphere is subject to enormous variations. Microphotometric reductions of the moving-film spectra should yield important data concerning the gradient of density in the solar atmosphere. Dr. Wallace R. Brode, who photographed the flash spectrum with a moving-film instrument of original design, is planning to make a study of the molecular bands present in the spectrum.

On the evening of June 23, the city of Orenburg gave a banquet to the several Russian and foreign expeditions located in that district. It proved to be a magnificent affair, with x courses and y different varieties of liquor, where x and y stand for undetermined numbers greater than ten. At the close of the banquet Comrade Vasilief, chief of the Orenburg district, presented each expedition member with one of the famous Orenburg shawls—a delicate creation of finely woven wool. Thus far none of us has tested the statement of the manufacturers that the eight-foot square shawl can be drawn through a wedding ring, but there seems to be no reason to question its truth.

About 12 hours' work by all hands the following day completed the packing of the astronomical equipment. Our boxes and cases were again loaded into freight cars for the return journey. We returned to the cars in Ak Bulak for a midnight dinner and to sort out our personal belongings. The radio men were to remain some days longer to finish their program of comparative measurements on days when no eclipse occurred. About 1 A.M. the President of the local soviet and some of our Poulkova friends called to bid us farewell as our car was scheduled to be attached to the 5 A.M. train for Moscow. It mattered little that the train was some hours late in leaving, for now we really had gained faith, as our Russian friends were always telling us, that everything would be all right.

Since leaving Russia four questions have been asked us more frequently than all others. In attempting to answer them we should remind our readers that the cross section of Russia we saw was rather limited but definitely off the beaten track.

1. "Are the Russian people happy and contented with the present *régime*?" Despite newspaper reports of plots, the people give every evidence of satisfaction with the present *régime*. Pre-War days are nearly forgotten and the present is judged in the light of the more immediate past, *i.e.*, over the last five to 15 years. All observers will agree that general conditions are far better now than then and the people feel that the system is finally beginning to pay them the dividends they earned in the lean years just preceding.

2. "Were we allowed to see everything we wanted?" We think so, except the inside of the Kremlin, which was closed to all visitors because of certain political strife. At no other time were we conscious of being kept away from anything we desired to see excepting, of course, certain factories and social institutions that could be visited, as in any country, only by special arrangement. On the other hand, Russians have always been excellent showmen. With almost religious ardor they make a tremendous effort to have all their visitors see all the things they are so proud of. This enthusiasm could often give a visitor the impression that he was

being kept away from certain things, as could also the language difficulties that he would face if he were to try traveling independently. Thanks to our scientific friends, we escaped much of the routine sight-seeing.

3. "Did the Russian Government really cooperate with your expedition?" The answer to this question is contained in the foregoing account, but one additional incident may serve to show the degree of cooperation as well as its sincerity. One day, at the camp, a packing box we had been using for refuse caught fire. We easily extinguished the blaze, but next day the chief of the local fire department, who had evidently been notified, drove out to our camp and set up numerous fire extinguishers at strategic points.

4. "What is the place of science in the Soviet state?" The material resources behind scientific work in Russia are very great. There are many able scientists but the younger generation of them is definitely handicapped by lack of contact with the outside world. Part of the difficulty arises from the national language and part from the barriers that the Soviet government puts in the way of foreign travel by its citizens. How much these handicaps will be reduced remains to be seen, but even with them much fruitful work is being done. A German physicist, now a member of the staff of a Russian research institute, said to us: "When we ask the government authorities for money for an instrument of a certain size and price we have to show cause why a larger and more expensive one would not be better for our purposes. With such backing the only limitations in scientific work lie in the minds of the scientists."

Those Who Helped

Some idea of the extent, if not the individual items, of the auxiliary equipment necessary for eclipse work in the field may, perhaps, be gained by perusal of the following list of individuals, institutions, organizations, and companies who contributed in one way or another to the success of our expedition. To one and all we wish to express our heartfelt thanks for their generous cooperation.

The expedition was made possible by grants from the Milton fund and Clark bequest of Harvard University, from the American Philosophical Society, and from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A generous donation from RCA Communications, Inc., enabled the expedition to carry on the desired program of radio research. Our tools, machine, wood-working, and so on, came from Ames Baldwin, Wyoming Company, Behr-Manning Corporation, The Black and Decker Manufacturing Company, Brown and Sharpe Manufacturing Company, Clayton and Lambert Manufacturing Company, The Cleveland Twist Drill Company, Greenfield Tap and Die Corporation, Millers Falls Company, North Brothers Manu-

facturing Company, Peck Stow and Wilcox Company, Fayette R. Plumb, Inc., Plymouth Cordage Company, Service Sales Corporation, Simonds Saw and Steel Company, Stanley Electric Tool Company, Inc., The L. S. Starrett Company, and Yale and Towne Manufacturing Company.

Our electrical equipment was manufactured by General Electric Company, Pioneer Gen-E-Motor Corporation, Weston Electrical Instrument Corporation, Willard Storage Battery Company, Burgess Battery Company, Warren Telechron Company, and Holtzer-Cabot Electric Company. For communication with the United States, which was accomplished either directly by radiotelegraph or via England by radiotelephone, we took along a 45A transmitter built by the Collins Radio Company. For receiving at the camp we used a Hammarlund "Super-Pro." Tubes were furnished by Amperex Electronic Products, Inc.

For the design of the automatic cameras we have to thank Mr. E. S. Hine of the Folmer Graflex Corporation as well as the institution he represents. In the construction of these machines we employed flexible couplings from the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Company. The quadruped polar axis was mounted in Timken bearings; while the smaller coronal camera axis was supported in bearings by S. K. F.

Other miscellaneous equipment, camp supplies, kitchen accessories, and so on, were obtained with the cooperation of the Coleman Lamp and Stove Company, The David T. Abercrombie Company, the Linguaphone Institute, Hookless Fastener Company, Sears, Roebuck and Company, and S. S. Pierce Company. The gift of The Dow Chemical Company we have acknowledged not only in the above account but indirectly by calling the Ak Bulak eclipse site "Camp Dow." With the Bausch and Lomb laboratory spectrograph we obtained excellent slit spectra of the corona, and the coronal photographs obtained with a Zeiss Contax miniature camera with telephoto lens were exceptionally good, showing the five-pointed star effect clearly. The concave mirror ground specially for the expedition by The Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston was chroaluminized for us by the Evaporated Metals Company. Our photographic supplies were obtained from the Eastman Kodak Company, where Dr. C. E. K. Mees and Dr. C. Stand coated special film emulsions for our expedition and served us in a variety of ways. The New York Times cooperated with us, as also did the United States Lines.

Lick and Yerkes Observatories lent us eclipse equipment. Dr. R. W. Wood found numerous diffraction gratings for us and Mr. C. W. Elmer furnished the expedition with a coronal camera. We also wish to thank Mr. A. Cressy Morrison for assistance.

Even to list, let alone express adequate appreciation to every one who lent aid to our expedition — Russian government officials, local and national, Intourist, Inc., as well as the many persons at home who helped us in our work — would require more space than we have at our disposal. The assistance of these people is nonetheless appreciated despite our failure to mention them specifically here.

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Confidential Informant [] has furnished the following information to the Boston Field Division.

DONALD H. MENZEL is now and was before the war an Associate Professor of Astronomy at Harvard University. Over a long period of years he has been a very close associate of HARLOW SHAPLEY, who is the subject of a pending Internal Security (R) case in Boston.

During the recently concluded war MENZEL was a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy stationed at Climax, Arizona. At Climax, MENZEL was in charge of a "frequency forecast" experiment. This had to do with the ionization of the stratosphere and allegedly enabled the operators of communication equipment and radar to forecast the best hours each day for the use of this equipment. The experiment was successful and is regarded in United States scientific circles, according to the informant, as being only second to the atomic bomb as an important invention. In scientific circles, according to the informant, this invention was believed to have played a great part in the defeat of the Japanese in the Pacific area. MENZEL advised the informant in late August that this project which was an exclusive United States scientific development in communications had recently been declassified. He then attempted to explain the matter hastily to the informant.

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Confidential Informant [] advised at the present moment MENZEL at Harvard has been working on the development of energy from the cosmic ray. This source of power, according to the informant, will outrank the atomic bomb in about the same proportion that a magnum outranks a .32 caliber target pistol.

The informant alleges MENZEL is going about doing a considerable amount of talking about his research on the cosmic ray and while the informant does not know that this matter is classified it would appear that it is not a good thing to discuss in circles where known Communists are present.

MENZEL is leaving the United States shortly to attend an undescribed scientific convention in Holland. Scientists from every country in the world, including the Soviet orbit, will be present and the informant believes that if the cosmic ray experiments and the experiments at Climax, Arizona, are vital to the defense of the United States it would be well to keep MENZEL in the country.

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The foregoing is provided for the Bureau's information and such action as it deems necessary.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Washington Field Division for use in the event the Bureau requests action by that office in locating MENZEL's record at the State Department.

For the completion of the Bureau's file it will be noted that there is but one reference to MENZEL in the indices of the Boston Field Division, Boston, Massachusetts. The report of Special Agent Howard Fletcher at New York City dated December 24, 1941 entitled "THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRATIC AND INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM, 519 West 21 Street, New York City," reflects that on October 20, 1941 MENZEL was elected to the national executive committee of that organization. The information was obtained from a highly confidential source.

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Respectfully suggested a no ticket file be opened with this serial. The only other reference to the subject was 100-309-7, which has been incorporated in the instant letter.

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that on November 2, 1946, DONALD MENZEL was advised by [REDACTED] of recent mail which had arrived and which he had not seen. In substance, he had received the following communications:

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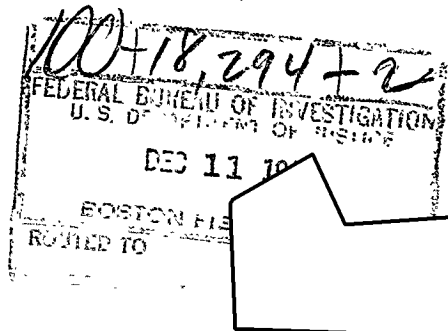
A letter from Collier's Publishing Company stating they did not understand one sentence used by him in his article and requesting him to re-write it.

A letter from a scientist named [REDACTED] (phonetic) in Belgium.

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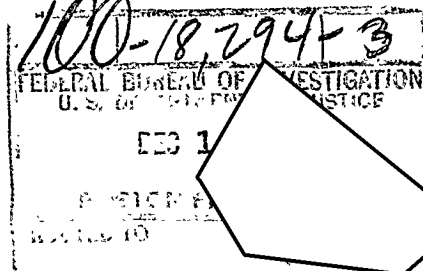
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[REDACTED] advised that on November 16, DONALD MENZEL, by wire, related to DR. HOWARD T. ENGSTROM of the Engineering Research Associates, 1129 Vermont, N.W., Washington, D.C., that he would arrive on the following Monday at 10 a.m. and would be in Washington until possibly the following Wednesday. MENZEL asked ENGSTROM to contact [REDACTED] on R Street in the event a Monday evening conference was desirable.

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[REDACTED] advised that he learned on November 4, 1946 of a conversation on that date between DONALD MENZEL and a scientist named [REDACTED] informed MENZEL of his plans to build a unit which would effectively photograph in ultra high frequency in ultra violet ray and under similar difficult situations.

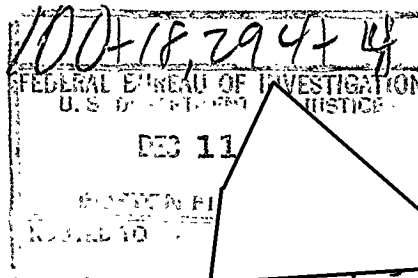
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On the same day, Lieutenant [REDACTED] of Army Intelligence requested DONALD MENZEL to fill out some forms which he was mailing to him, which were "routine" and merely necessary to complete his Army records on MENZEL.

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[REDACTED] was present at the Harvard Observatory on Nov. 12, 1946, when HARLOW SHAPLEY entered into a discussion with Prof. SERGE KORF, of the Department of Physics, at New York University. SHAPLEY wanted to know whether or not KORF was still interested in a discussion the men had had concerning cosmic rays, in Colorado. SHAPLEY related that the research has now developed to the point where the Universities at Princeton, Chicago, U.I.T., and the two Colorado universities are definitely operating a joint enterprise; that is, they are interested in research and cooperating but they are not interested in management of the research. SHAPLEY has discussed the project with such persons as KARL COMPTON, one [REDACTED] one [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of Princeton, who has a large group working on the problem. They are all going forward and because of KORF'S interest, one [REDACTED] is also planning to get into the work. SHAPLEY proposed that all of these people meet in the near future and make plans for an active year of research in 1947. SHAPLEY refuses to write anything on this, by way of letter but is willing to enter oral discussions. SHAPLEY stated that in pursuing the study of cosmic rays, DONALD MENZEL will supervise the project at Harvard, and that the Harvard Observatory is interested in being in on the ground floor of all that happens. The entire development and research program is tied up with a present program being conducted at Mt. Evans. (U)

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(U) The men agreed to meet at New Haven about noon on November 23 to discuss this research further and SHAPLEY assured KORF that MENZEL would also be present. (C)

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[REDACTED] advised that on December 9, 1946 an unidentified individual called Dr. MENZEL and stated that he was attempting to secure a teacher. MENZEL suggested FELIX CERNUSCHI, whom he described as presently being in Argentina but very anxious to return to the United States because of the Argentinian situation. The unidentified individual said he knew of CERNUSCHI but understood that students had a difficult time of understanding him because of language difficulties.

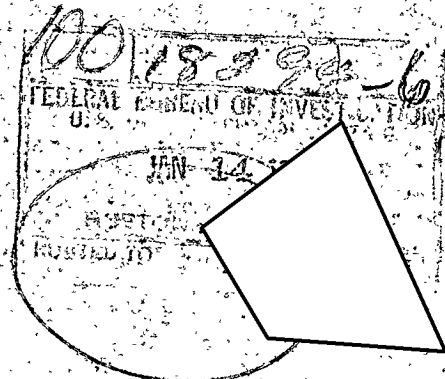
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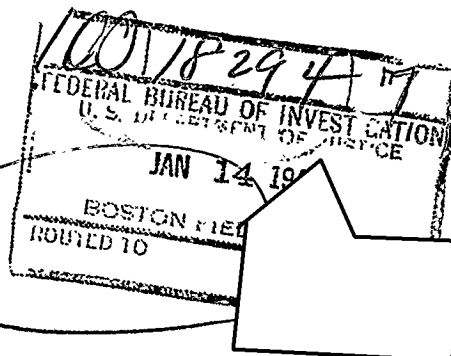
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and invited these men to attend a private showing of a confidential film taken at "Climax, Arizona" where MENZEL had been stationed during the war years as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy. The showing will be in the residence of Dr. HARLOW SHAPLEY, on December 23, at 9:00 p.m.

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(U) [REDACTED] advised that on January 11, 1947 Dr. MENZEL contacted [REDACTED] of the Veterans Administration on Washington Street. Menzel stated that he had been elected Division Commander and he would like [REDACTED] to act as assistant to him. There will be two meetings a month at the Armory. [REDACTED] stated he was too busy with other items. (S)

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advised that on January 14, 1947 MENZEL received a telegram from the Engineering Research Associates, Inc., advising him that they were revising the contract so that he would be reimbursed at the rate of \$6.25 per hour. Their records show that through November 24, 1946 he has earned \$893.75. (U)

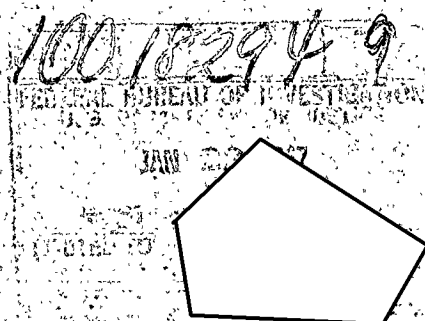
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[redacted] was present at the Harvard Observatory on January 9, 1947 when BART BOK and ISADORE AMOUR had a conversation. They continued a discussion reported earlier by the informant concerning persons who might be able to serve on the committee for a National Science Foundation. [redacted]

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(U) [redacted] had given AMOUR the job of either convincing BOK to serve on this committee or finding some other suitable person. BOK and AMOUR proceeded to discuss likely candidates for the three-man committee. The first person suggested was [redacted] but BOK noted that he was not interested and he did not need whatever money might be paid him for his work. (X)

(U) AMOUR then suggested DONALD MENZEL. BOK commented that MENZEL would be reasonably honest in handling the problems connected with the committee's work and that he would welcome any additional money he could earn. (MENZEL, according to BOK, is extremely ambitious to acquire money and would do almost anything to get it. However, he has so tied himself up in other things BOK did not think he would give a reasonable amount of time to the work. (X)

(U) BOK suggested [redacted] MIT Graduate Dean, but AMOUR ruled him out by describing him as being at best only lukewarm on the subject. (X)

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(U) PHILIP FRANKLIN and [redacted] of MIT were mentioned but developed no enthusiasm on the part of either speaker. (X)

BOK suggested one [redacted] mathematician at MIT. BOK described him as a good organizer, a wise, elderly man, well endowed with both time and money. AMOUR stated he did not know what his political thinking was but he could find out from TED MARTIN who was acquainted with him. (It is noted that TED MARTIN is an intimate associate of WENDELL FURRY, NORMAN LEVINSON and [redacted] all of whom are to some extent involved in the [redacted] case.) (X)

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AMOUR then declared it might be well to get someone from "the outside." He suggested [redacted] BOK was enthused about [redacted] but thought it might be difficult to convince [redacted] that one who is not affiliated with either of the universities or the AAAS would be a good man. (X)

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(U) AMOUR suggested COHEN (possibly either I. BERNARD COHEN or [redacted] both on the Harvard faculty). BOK thought COHEN would be an excellent person because he is an active individual and has a fine reputation. At this point BOK declared that if [redacted] insisted he, himself, would take the job. (X)

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(U) AIDUR reported that [] had asked him to draw up a resolution on the UN and Atomic Energy which should be sent in the name of the AASOW to former Senator AUSTIN of Vermont. He stated he was doing so. (S)

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(U) BCK reported that he had received letters from FELIX CERNUSCHI and one [] in Argentina reporting that things were very bad in that country for science teachers. He noted that he had sent the letters along to AIDUR by mail for perusal and comment. He thought it might be wise for AIDUR to prepare resolutions to be sent to the State Department on the situation in Argentina and further to send resolutions or recommendations to the new Secretary of State, GEORGE MARSHALL. (S)

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(U) AIDUR urged that BCK do a little bit of this writing himself, whereupon BCK answered in Chapley's absence he had all he could do to run the Observatory. (S)

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that on January 14, 1947 DONALD MENZEL contacted [REDACTED] at McMath-Hobart Observatory in Pontiac, Michigan. Menzel advised [REDACTED] that BART BOK had approved his doing work for the Pontiac Observatory at Harvard but had stated that he could not do the work during time for which he was being paid by Harvard. BOK had left MENZEL to make such fee arrangements with [REDACTED] as the two might agree upon. MENZEL stated he was leaving this matter to [REDACTED] judgment.

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[REDACTED] informed him that the Pontiac Observatory did not have funds available and had not made any plans for reimbursing MENZEL or Harvard. The entire project was one of university research and it was assumed that MENZEL in his desire to further scientific progress would be glad to contribute his time.

MENZEL accepted this arrangement and promised to do the work when he had time. He showed his lack of interest and enthusiasm when he learned he would not be reimbursed.

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TO : FILE - DONALD H. MENZEL

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that on January 17, 1947 DONALD MENZEL exchanged some telegrams with [REDACTED] Room 3430, Office of Naval Research, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., concerning the work being done by the Navy under Menzel's direction at Climax, Arizona.

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[REDACTED] advised that on January 27, 1947 DONALD MENZEL
received a telegraphic invitation to lunch with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]
(U) [REDACTED] at the Metropolitan Club in Washington,
D. C. at 12:30 on January 30. (c)

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[REDACTED] advised on January 28, 1947 that he learned from DONALD MENZEL that MENZEL would meet Admiral Lee and Admiral Chester Nimitz on January 30 through introductions to be performed by [REDACTED] a Captain in the United States Navy.

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The membership list of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences which is located at Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts, reflects the subject to be a member. The figures following his name denote the year of his election and the science mentioned is the particular division of the Academy to which he belongs. It is to be noted this organization is considered the leading academic society in the United States and that membership, including foreign members, is limited to 800 persons.

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[REDACTED] advised on March 11, 1947 [REDACTED] contacted Mrs. DONALD MENZEL and advised BART BOK was giving a luncheon at the Gateway tomorrow, March 12, at 12:30 PM for the visiting Russians. Mrs. MENZEL said she would be there and asked if Mrs. SHAJN would also be there as she wanted to send something over with Mrs. SHAJN. [REDACTED] did not know whether Mrs. SHAJN would attend or not. Mrs. MENZEL inquired as to how long the Russians would be here and [REDACTED] said "no one knows that end of the story."

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BART BOK contacted the Ambassador Hotel and inquired if the Russian scientists had arrived. The man who answered the phone said they had and he had assigned two rooms with double beds to them. BOK said "How many arrived?" and was told four Russians. BOK advised the man to tell the Russians that he had called and will meet them at the Observatory tomorrow morning, March 12, at their convenience.

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(U) [redacted] advised on April 1, 1947 Dr. BERNARD COHEN contacted the
Harvard Observatory and asked if Dr. SHAPLEY had returned from New York. [redacted]
[redacted] said she thought so. He wants to see SHAPLEY and an appointment was
made for Friday at 3 PM. Dr. Cohen left a telephone number Stadium 6860 (C)

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(U) [redacted] who advised he is a radio engineer from Sweden contacted HARTW
SHAPLEY and advised he had a letter from [redacted] of Sweden and would like
to see SHAPLEY. SHAPLEY stated he might not be available and if he was not
there he could talk to MENZEL. (C)

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[REDACTED] advised on April 30, 1946 [REDACTED] contacted Dr. BOK and told him that [REDACTED] had called asking about copies of the UNESCO report. BOK told her to run off 45 copies. He also mentioned that [REDACTED] probably saw [REDACTED] report.

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BOK contacted [REDACTED] and asked her if she had finished running off the circular letter to the "big shots." She said she had and he told her the reason he had asked was that he had received a letter from the National Research Council that their meeting is scheduled for 10 o'clock so he thought it advisable to change the time of this one.

BART BOK contacted [REDACTED] and the latter asked if the constitution of UNESCO required a National Commission to be set up in each country. BOK stated that it was optional but the constitution strongly recommended it. BOK advised that it had been discussed at Philadelphia, and that the National Commission had already been set up in France and in Great Britain. [REDACTED] asked what was required by law of the National Commission in this country. BOK stated they were required to hold a meeting once each year. [REDACTED] stated that the report stated that material was available on fundamental education, but he had not found this to be the case. They then made a luncheon engagement to discuss the report more thoroughly. In closing, BOK mentioned that he had been appointed Chairman of the National Research Council on UNESCO.

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Professor MENZEL contacted Lieutenant [REDACTED]. The conversation concerned orders received by MENZEL to report to the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D. C. for ten days of training duty. He must report to Washington by May 2. MENZEL also will make a trip to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, on May 11, accompanied by two Army officers.

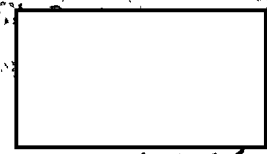
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(U) [redacted] on June 12, 1947 advised that DR. MENZEL contacted [redacted]
"at the Field Station" and mentioned he would be in Rochester on the 23rd
instead of the 16th. MENZEL also mentioned he was taking a five-inch
telescope with him when he went to Alamegaydo (phonetic) (possibly Alamogordo, N. M.)

(U) Informant advised the following telegram was sent to [redacted] at
Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York:

(U) "Slight change in plans makes it impossible for us to arrive Rochester until
Monday AM. Before your letter arrived we had already made reservations
at Rochester Hotel which we may as well keep. We would not wish four guests
on unsuspecting [redacted] I shall call you from hotel upon arrival.
Appreciate your kindness."

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(U) Signed BART BOK. (c)

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[redacted] on June 13, 1947 advised [redacted] contacted Dr. DONALD MENZEL in response to a previous call from MENZEL when [redacted] was out. MENZEL told him that he got in touch with the University authorities and "they thought that since the University set it up, any contract for solar research should go through the Corporation. Informant later learned this corporation is the High Altitude Observatory of Harvard and the University of Colorado. Dr. MENZEL said that the president of the University of Colorado agrees with this. [redacted] told him that Colonel Duffy would be in Cambridge on the 25 and 26 and will go over to see Menzel. (S)

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[REDACTED] on June 13, 1947 advised [REDACTED] attempted to contact [REDACTED] regarding the Latin American librarians who were visiting yesterday. [REDACTED] was not and [REDACTED] left the message.

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Dr. DONALD MENZEL attempted to reach [REDACTED] at the Atlas Corporation in New York, telephone Whitehall 3-7100. [REDACTED] was not in. MENZEL advised it was very urgent and was told to try Plymouth 3-4725. [REDACTED] was not at that address and MENZEL left his number for [REDACTED] to contact him tomorrow.

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[REDACTED] on June 18, 1947 advised MARJORIE LANSING contacted [REDACTED] and asked for HARLOW SHAPLEY who is at home sick. LANSING told [REDACTED] that they were having an executive meeting tonight (June 18) in Room 12, 294 Washington Street (Old South Building) and that [REDACTED] from New York was going to give them a talk. [REDACTED] said she did not think she could make the meeting as things at the Observatory were becoming rather complicated. LANSING said she would try to contact SHAPLEY at his home.

Dr. (DONALD) MENZEL contacted [REDACTED] secretary. She stated [REDACTED] was out of town and MENZEL stated that he was planning to go to Alamogordo (New Mexico) about July 6 and wanted to know if [REDACTED] could secure permission for him to land at the Alamogordo Air base in an American Airlines plane. He advised that [REDACTED] (phonetic), president of the airline, would also be a passenger on the plane plus the crew. He stated he was engaged in some experimental work in flying in the neighborhood and would like to plan to land there. The secretary checked with a [REDACTED] (phonetic) and said she would check and call MENZEL back and that it would probably be necessary that the names of the members of the crew, type of aircraft, etc. be available.

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[REDACTED] on June 14, 1947 advised that Dr. DONALD MENZEL attempted to contact a [REDACTED] in Delaware, Ohio (Delaware 9608) with negative results.

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Dr. DONALD MENZEL contacted Mr. BRIAN O'BRIEN in Rochester New York (Hillside 2454 - home; Monroe 8400 - University). (Dr. MENZEL asked Mr. O'BRIEN if he had received word that he would be in Rochester on June 23. Mr. O'BRIEN said that he had as a [REDACTED] (phonetic) had told him. Mr. O'BRIEN stated that [REDACTED] was spending the summer with them.

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DONALD MENZEL
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[REDACTED] on June 19, 1947 advised Dr. MENZEL received a telegram from Rochester, reading as follows: "Operators report unable to reach your telephone. Have changed plans. Will clear Sunday afternoon. Very glad to see you. Signed BRYAN O'BRIEN."

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[REDACTED] on June 21, 1947 advised Dr. DONALD MENZEL sent the following telegram to BRYAN O'BRIEN, Hillside 2454, Rochester, New York: "Arrive 7:40 AM Sunday. Will come out by taxi after breakfast. Please make return reservation for midnight train Monday. Signed Don."

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[redacted] on June 21, 1947 advised DONALD MENZEL contacted WALTER O. ROBERTS in Climax, Colorado. He informed him that he will arrive in Denver, Colorado, on June 30 by plane with [redacted] of the American Airlines. MENZEL stated that they would be taking pictures for a couple of days in Colorado and then leave for Alamogordo. MENZEL said that the rocket panel would be held on July 3 but doubted if he would attend.

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[REDACTED] on June 19, 1947 advised [REDACTED] engineer for American Airlines, contacted Dr. MENZEL and inquired as to the exact area they were to photograph on their trip to Colorado. MENZEL advised it was the area containing the "radiating dikes" in the County of Huerfano, known as the Spanish Peaks Region, approximately 60 miles southwest of the city of Walsenburg. [REDACTED] advised he had some Government maps he was studying for preliminary information.

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[REDACTED] was present at Harvard Observatory on May 15, 1947, when SHAPLEY conferred with one [REDACTED] who is a member of the Alumni Committee at Harvard, which reviews the work of the Harvard Observatory annually. [REDACTED] is also a member of the Board of Overseers at Harvard University. [REDACTED] stated that a New York alumnus, who is a member of the committee, named [REDACTED] was very much projected by the political and anti-religious activities occurring at the Harvard Observatory. SHAPLEY stated that [REDACTED] views were well known because he had addressed letters to himself, HENZEL and BOK. SHAPLEY further asserted that the other two men were "furiously annoyed" and regarded the attack upon them as an attack upon the integrity of Harvard University. SHAPLEY stated that he also was disturbed because [REDACTED] failed to realize that the members of the Harvard faculty had a right to enjoy their private life, express their personal religions, political, and other opinions, and to do anything else they wished to so long as they fulfilled their functions as astronomers. He added that had [REDACTED] made a protest to President Conant, he would have received no solace. SHAPLEY stated that he, himself, was frequently and actively involved in organizations whose viewpoints were those of the greater majority, but that he felt present that in order to win "one must gamble." He noted that despite his activities in these fields, his work as an astronomer during the scholastic year had won him degrees from Copenhagen, India, France and elsewhere. He stated that recently he had lunched with [REDACTED] had discussed politics with SHAPLEY and had told SHAPLEY that he did not agree with him but that he admired his willingness to become active politically. SHAPLEY then added, "To what extent are religious or political views to be censored by the New York Alumni?" [REDACTED] began to apologize and SHAPLEY suggested to him that he see to it that [REDACTED] was removed from the Alumni committee in June. [REDACTED] agreed to request [REDACTED] to either cease his criticisms or resign and make them public. (U)

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[REDACTED] on 7/22/47 advised Dr. DONALD MENZEL contacted [REDACTED] secretary to get [REDACTED] address. She said it is [REDACTED] care of [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, and that he is due back the 26th. MENZEL asked if anyone else was familiar with the Solar Radiation work that was being done at Alamogordo but no one else at [REDACTED] office claimed to know about it although the question will be put to [REDACTED] (phonetic) when he comes in.

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[REDACTED] (phonetic) of Cambridge (?) Field Station contacted Dr. MENZEL and told him he was unable to help him with MENZEL's problem. MENZEL said he would thus contact Colonel DUFFY directly. MENZEL further stated that he was anxious to know if anything had developed since he saw [REDACTED] in New Mexico and that DUFFY could probably help him.

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(U) [redacted] on July 25, 1947 advised Dr. SHAPLEY contacted the bank and talked to [redacted]. He requested a loan of \$2500, same to be placed in his checking account and payment due November 3. The note will be prepared and he will send down for it and return it to the bank when signed. (C)

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(U) [redacted] forwarded the following telegram to [redacted] Chairman, American Youth for Democracy, [redacted] "Regret my speaking schedule too heavy to undertake additional assignments this fall." Signed Harlow Shapley. (C)

(U) Dr. SHAPLEY forwarded the following message to Dr. WALTER O. ROBERTS, Harvard Observatory Station, Climax, Colorado: "Alamogordo project under heavy discussion. (Donald) Menzel attempting to get Colonel Duffy, Wright Field, to appoint out site observers as "right field consultants. Letter enroute. Preliminary decision probable by Tuesday night." Signed Harlow Shapley. (C)

(U) WATSON DAVIS of Science Service contacted [redacted] who told him that she had been in contact with [redacted] (phonetic) and had managed to condense the report down to 13 pages. SHAPLEY is to bring down two copies of the report with him. (C)

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(U) SHAPLEY then talked to DAVIS and told him that [redacted] (phonetic) of the Farm College Bureau is interested in the legislation. SHAPLEY said that [redacted] feels as though "they" have been left out. DAVIS then told him that "they" were not left out and SHAPLEY said they could talk more about it when he sees him tomorrow morning. DAVIS asked SHAPLEY to stay at his house when in Washington this time and SHAPLEY agreed. (C)

(U) DAVIS then told SHAPLEY that Science Service would like to have BOK talk on UNESCO August 9, at 4:30 PM. SHAPLEY told him that BOK is not due back until the middle of August. DAVIS asked about MENZEL but after consulting with MENZEL, SHAPLEY said he could not do it as he would leave for California on the 8th as he is due there the 11th. DAVIS then asked about the possibilities of anyone else and SHAPLEY suggested ISADORE AMOUR but told him that AMOUR was good principally on general subjects so DAVIS said he would not do. SHAPLEY said that AMOUR gave a very good radio talk the other day. It was decided that SHAPLEY would ask WHIPPLE to do the fifteen-minute broadcast. (C)

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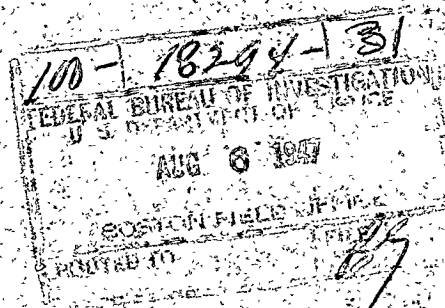
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[redacted] on July 30, 1947 advised [redacted] (phonetic) contacted Dr. MENZEL and told him that Colonel DUFFY just got in and they have decided that they would like to go over to the Observatory around 2 PM. Menzel said he would check with Dr. SHAPLEY which he did and then told [redacted] that 2 PM would be fine.

[redacted] contacted DONALD MENZEL from New York and advised that she could secure passage from him to Cherbourg aboard the Mauretania, leaving New York on August 22, 1947 but could not secure return passage until after September 19. MENZEL advised that September 19 would be too late for his return and [redacted] said that perhaps she could get booking on the Queen Elizabeth leaving England on September 11. MENZEL stated that would be satisfactory but that if she was unable to secure space for him she should try to book him on any plane leaving between the 11th and the 16th for his return trip. He stated he had to be in Paris for conferences from September 1 to 7. [redacted] advised that they had originally booked his return on the Mauretania with Professor [redacted] MENZEL was pleased at the prospect of [redacted] but said the Mauretania left too late for him as he wished to be back here by the 16th at the latest. MENZEL further advised that he had a two-year passport which had been issued last year, but no French visa. [redacted] stated she would procure the visa for him and forward it by registered mail and that she would advise as to his return reservations.

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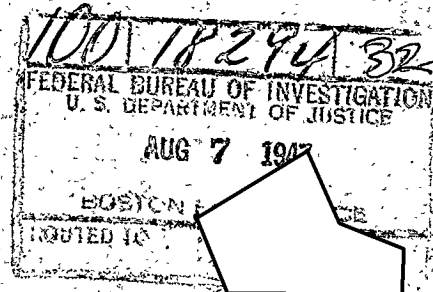
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[redacted] on August 5, 1947 advised that Dr. DONALD H. MENZEL received the following telegram from Santa Monica, California: "Exact time and transportation arrangements from Pasadena region for meeting at Santa Monica unlikely to be known before end of week. Will advise you care of [redacted] before Saturday. We do not expect you before Monday. Signed Douglas Aircraft Company, [redacted]"

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[REDACTED] on July 31, 1947 advised the following telegram was sent to Dr. WALTER ROBERTS, Climax, Colorado: "Formal contract signing delayed until Saturday. Army disapproves our vehicle purchase, but sending weapons carrier direct Denver and staff car to Alamogordo. Army also will furnish all camping supplies as requested including furnishings for building and electric generator. Please make detailed such supplied, will phone tonight for items. Have both men Colorado drivers' licenses. Signed DONALD MENZEL."

Dr. DONALD MENZEL contacted ROBERT STEARNS of the University of Colorado at Boulder and asked him if he heard about what happened at the last meeting of the High Altitude Trustees. BOB said that he saw [REDACTED] (phonetic) the other day in Denver and they told him something about it. Dr. MENZEL said the army has asked them to look into the possibility of putting a subsidiary solar station in the White Sands area in New Mexico. Dr. MENZEL said they are very much interested in the idea; although the skies are not as good there as in Climax where there are a lot more clear kinds and for their solar disc and prominence measures they would be able to get a much longer and continuous record. Dr. MENZEL said he had a conference with the army today and the High Altitude Trustees have authorized them to go into the problem in a preliminary way. They are going to send a couple of men down to investigate the site and the army is allotting \$25,000 for preliminary studies. As yet it has not been signed but the contract is with Wright Field stemmed out of the Army Air Forces. Today's development is a direct result of Dr. Menzel and Robert Stearns' conference held in Washington in April and May. Dr. MENZEL said that the erection of the solar station at White Sands will take some of the pressure off Climax although the main headquarters of the observatory will always be in Boulder. No final investigation will be held for three or four months and in the meantime plans and cost estimates will be completed. Dr. Menzel said he called [REDACTED] (phonetic) in New York about building money for Climax and has also talked with [REDACTED] (phonetic). [REDACTED] said he and [REDACTED] were going down to [REDACTED] (phonetic) place for the weekend where he can talk to him. Dr. MENZEL said he called [REDACTED] and also Great Western Frank Camp while he was in Denver.

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(U) [REDACTED] on August 7, 1947 advised a reporter from the Boston Post contacted [REDACTED] and asked if HARLOW SHAPLEY would make a statement in connection with the second anniversary of V-J Day. He advised he would like SHAPLEY to comment on how he feels the world is shaping up; morally, economically and politically. [REDACTED] conferred with SHAPLEY and advised the reporter that SHAPLEY did not care to make any statement. (S)

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(U) A woman who identified herself as president of the Hindustan Student Association made an appointment to see Dr. SHAPLEY on Friday morning at 10 AM at his office. (S)

(U) [REDACTED] contacted Dr. SHAPLEY in regard to the speech SHAPLEY is giving Thursday night. SHAPLEY said he would stay overnight there and come back in on the early morning train (7:15 AM). SHAPLEY asked where he could get in touch with [REDACTED] of Yale. [REDACTED] did not know but said the phone number was Palmer (phonetic) 616. SHAPLEY said he spoke on UNESCO the last time and would probably speak on civil liberties on Thursday. SHAPLEY mentioned that BOK would be back on the 21st and would be leaving for Europe on September 1. MENZEL is also leaving for Europe soon. One [REDACTED] (phonetic) was also mentioned during the course of the conversation. (S)

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(U) Dr. SHAPLEY contacted Dr. MENZEL and asked him when he was leaving. MENZEL said he was taking a noon plane tomorrow and would be back on August 18. Menzel said he is going directly to Santa Monica, California, and is not stopping at Climax or Denver. He will stay with his uncle the first night and go directly from there to Santa Monica. Dr. Menzel said that the Douglas Aircraft Company is holding a conference on the general problems of the upper atmosphere. A short conversation was held with [REDACTED] on the subject. [REDACTED] will be there as well as [REDACTED] a meteorologist from Chicago and an expert on ozone. (S)

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[REDACTED] advised on August 18, 1947, that [REDACTED] contacted an unknown man and advised that DON MENZEL was leaving the country on Friday, and they had forgotten to get permission for him; inasmuch as he is a Reserve Officer in the Navy, they thought it was necessary to secure permission from the Navy. The unknown man stated he would check and advise her.

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(U) [REDACTED] advised on September 18, 1947 that [REDACTED] at Boston University contacted DONALD MENZEL, advising him that a conference was going on at BU on the propagation and modification suggested at White Sands and wondering if MENZEL could come over immediately and get in on the meeting. (MENZEL) replied that he was waiting for Dr. ROBERTS (probably WALTER ORR ROBERTS) and wanted him to come along also. (MENZEL) then said he would be right over and to obtain clearance for him to enter as he waited ten minutes to get in the office the last time he went over to BU. (C)

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(U) [REDACTED] on November 13, 1947 advised [REDACTED] contacted HARLOW SHAPLEY and made an appointment to see him at 3:30 PM today. SHAPLEY mentioned that he had an appointment this afternoon with DONALD MENZEL and the Army. (C)

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HARLOW SHAPLEY received the following telegram from New York: "Following up [REDACTED] letter. We most anxious to have your commitment on writing your wonderful discourse on ants (sic) for 47 Magazine. Hope you will say yes. Regards. Signed [REDACTED] editor." (C)

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(U) [REDACTED] on January 8, 1948 advised an unidentified man contacted HARLOW SHAPLEY and advised that he would like to come on from New York today or tomorrow to see SHAPLEY. SHAPLEY said he could talk to the man tomorrow at 11 AM. SHAPLEY asked the man if he was still with the CCNY and the man advised he was. (Informant advised that the unidentified man had a definite foreign accent). (S)

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(U) [REDACTED] (phonetic) from Philadelphia contacted Dr. SHAPLEY and stated he is from the Philadelphia Physics Club and requested Dr. SHAPLEY for a speaker on the third Friday in May (May 21). Dr. SHAPLEY stated he has a dinner meeting on May 21. [REDACTED] asked if SHAPLEY could name anyone who might speak in his place. SHAPLEY stated he did not want to but gave the names of [REDACTED] of the National Bureau of Standards in Washington; [REDACTED] at Princeton or Dr. DONALD MENZEL at Harvard. SHAPLEY stated he doubted if MENZEL could make it. (S)

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(U) Dr. SHAPLEY complained about his phone and stated that when he gets a long distance call he cannot be heard and that he has to shout over it. He stated that they have three extensions in his office; one is good, one is fair, but his is no good. He was told that boosters had been put on his line before when he made a complaint but this time they will put a new phone in for him. (S)

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(U) [REDACTED] on January 20, 1948 advised [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to address a meeting on February 14 of the New England Conference of "Scientists for Wallace". He said the meeting was being held for tactical planning. [REDACTED] said he would be in Washington at that time and not able to attend. He added that he was going to aid [REDACTED] by contacting scientists and educators rather than getting openly involved in campaigning. He suggested that [REDACTED] contact [REDACTED] for suggestions as to a speaker. He also advised that the meeting not be associated exclusively with [REDACTED] but rather to be publicized as being made up of all student groups interested in Wallace's election. [REDACTED] cautioned him to use strategy and tact in their campaigning and keep FIA officers in the background. (C)

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(U) [REDACTED] contacted the office of [REDACTED] at MIT and asked [REDACTED] secretary to arrange for Dr. BLANCHETT to have lunch tomorrow with MIT and "two or three colleagues who have some things to talk over." The secretary advised she will handle and notify [REDACTED]. (C)

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(U) [REDACTED] received the following cable from New York City: "Correction previous wire. Emergency Executive Committee meeting 2A tonight Monday, January 26, at 8 PM, 203 West 42 Street. Signed [REDACTED] (C)

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(U) [REDACTED] was advised by [REDACTED] of MIT that [REDACTED] would not be available for lunch Tuesday but that [REDACTED] would contact [REDACTED] telephonically later today for the purpose of arranging a meeting. (C)

(U) [REDACTED] contacted Dr. A. H. H. [REDACTED] and asked [REDACTED] to be available on Wednesday in the event he can arrange luncheon with Dr. BLANCHETT as he said [REDACTED] would have some interesting comment on international science. (C)

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(U) [REDACTED] then spoke of (FNU) [REDACTED] (phonetic) who will succeed him as president of the AAAS, saying that [REDACTED] was a red-baiter and making it difficult for [REDACTED] this year. [REDACTED] then spoke of receiving a letter from [REDACTED] of the Rockefeller Foundation concerning [REDACTED] MIT's interest in Russian scientists, saying he replied in detail to [REDACTED]. (C)

(U) Dr. BLANCHETT contacted Dr. HENLEY and arrangements were made to meet on Wednesday at 12:30 PM at the Faculty Club. (C)

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(U) [REDACTED] on 1/29/48 advised [REDACTED] from the Security Section of the Cambridge Field Station contacted HARLOW SHAPLEY and asked him if he knew whether Dr. DONALD H. MENZEL had been cleared for "~~top secret~~." [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] wanted to know and had asked [REDACTED] to find out about MENZEL. SHAPLEY said the only person who could give [REDACTED] the information would be MENZEL himself and he was presently in New York. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was quite security conscious with regard to "~~top secret~~." (C)

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(U) [REDACTED] from the Boston Traveler contacted HARLOW SHAPLEY and asked him if he could give a statement on the fact that he is listed as one of the sponsors for the dinner being sponsored by the JAFRC at the City Club this coming Monday. SHAPLEY asked her for more detail and [REDACTED] said that in view of the statement given out by Judge Brooks in which he stated that the JAFRC and the Council of American-Soviet Friendship were Communist fronts, she wondered whether SHAPLEY had changed his views. (C)

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(U) SHAPLEY said he could not give a statement until he had gone over the records and he did not wish to be quoted on anything until he had a chance to review the whole situation and further he did not wish to say anything which might embarrass his good friend [REDACTED] (C)

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(U) SHAPLEY asked if the Traveler were going to run a full story on the whole affair and [REDACTED] said that the City Editor had given orders to contact all the sponsors listed on the JAFRC dinner program and find out what they had to say. SHAPLEY said "so the Traveler is joining in on the purge. That is very interesting, very interesting indeed but you better leave me out of this for the present time but I assure you I will have a statement of considerable length to give out on the persecution of minority groups in the very near future and I am working hard on that matter right now." (C)

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Menzel Awarded \$500 For Stellar Research

Donald H. Menzel, professor of Astrophysics, won the \$500 A. Cressy Morrison Prize for a paper entitled "Energy Sources in Giant Stars," the New York Academy of Sciences announced December 17.

Menzel has won this prize three times out of the six that it has been awarded since 1926. He won the first prize offered in 1926 when associated with the Lick Observatory at the University of California. In 1928 he shared it with P. B. Gerasimovic of the Harvard College Observatory for a paper on which they collaborated.

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(U) [redacted] has advised of a conversation which occurred on March 11, 1948 between [redacted] and HARRISON SHAPLEY. [redacted] was inquiring of SHAPLEY as to the progress of the CONDON defense. He stated a willingness to secure signatures from the Joint Membership of the AASCT and the CAS at a meeting to occur on March 16, 1948, to a statement declaring the organization's belief in [redacted] righteousness. (X)

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(U) SHAPLEY dictated a four-point statement which he said should be adopted as a resolution and forwarded to the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation. He dictated the statement to [redacted]. It is not set forth herein because it was introduced, was adopted, and a copy of it was obtained by [redacted] at the above-described meeting. (X)

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(U) SHAPLEY further informed [redacted] that LAURICE VISSCHER had met him on an airplane the day before and described the work of the Committee for Civil Liberties of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Because of his work on this committee, VISSCHER has indicated a reluctance to act as President of the AASCT nationally. SHAPLEY stated that VISSCHER was convinced that the CONDON case was an Administration effort to kill the campaign of HENRY WALLACE. He concluded by relating that DONALD MENZEL had discussed the CONDON case with JOHNSON, a Republican member of Congress from Colorado. JOHNSON had advised that currently most Congressmen are looking askance at the CONDON case, but that if the House Committee produced any evidence indicating that the country's secrets had been dispersed, then Congress would demand a jail sentence for CONDON. (X)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

United States Government

TO: SAC

(100-18294)

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FROM: SA

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SUBJECT: ~~HARLOW SHAPLEY~~
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[REDACTED] on February 5 and 7, 1948 reported information which he in turn had received from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. It is noted that the latter person is the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] to the late FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. [REDACTED] is and has been employed in the field of astro-physics at the Harvard Observatory in times past. From these two sources, Informant learned that on February 4, 1948 a colloquium was held at the Harvard Observatory under the general direction of its staff. (U)

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(U) Among those present were the following: (U)

[REDACTED]
FLETCHER WATSON

[REDACTED] with an escort
HARLOW SHAPLEY
DONALD MENZEL
BART JAN FOK
DR. WIPPLE

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[REDACTED]
WALTER ORR ROBERTS

Director of the Cambridge
Field Station

[REDACTED] one of the leading scientists at
the Krupp Laboratories

There was also present a representative of the Cornell University Laboratory on upper atmosphere research, representatives of General Electric Laboratories, [REDACTED] of the Krupp (U)

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Laboratories, and also [] and [] both of the latter persons are affiliated with the Raytheon Company at Waltham, Mass. Raytheon is also the present employment of [] and [] are working on a classified defense project at Raytheon and [] is the person in charge of the library in which the classified information is codified. Informant further notes that [] is a former student of BOK's and is further an accomplished musician. (U)

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(U) There were in all approximately 50 competent scientists present and most of those were known to be working on confidential defense projects. It was further known that there is a correlation to be made of the efforts of the Krupp Laboratories, the Cambridge Field Station, and the Raytheon Company in the field of guided missiles. The work of astro physicists and mathematicians will be correlated to determine the speed and guidance potentialities through radio and radar of this type of weapon. The group was gathered to hear a lecture by one [] of Australia who spoke on research in radar reflection from the sun and a point in cygnus. (U)

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[] stated that some of this research work covered by [] was believed to be of a classified nature, but at no time did the lecturer suggest that his talk was "off the record." The substance of his lecture was not reported and no effort is being made to ascertain the details at this time inasmuch as the subject matter would appear to be beyond the realm of the lay person's knowledge. (U)

The sources present did advise [] that [] lecture did succeed in opening up a widespread discussion among those present as to the work being done in this field at the Raytheon, Krupp and Cambridge Field Stations. [] knew that [] wished [] to visit the Cambridge Field Station with him on the following Friday, and to discuss and examine the research work being done there together with [] (U)

HOWARD SHAPLEY, in a small group conversation, which followed the meeting, asked [] how much power would be needed to operate the radar station which Raytheon was erecting in conjunction with their portion of the government contract. [] indicated that this was classified matter and refused to (U)

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(U) to give a specific answer to the question. However, he did indicate that a sufficient amount of power was required so that the station could not be operated on a battery. He also made some reference to the figure 50 kilowatts. ~~(S)~~

(U) SHAPLEY indicated that he would probably establish a similar radar station near Climax, the Harvard Observatory in Colorado. Thereafter, WALTER ORR-ROBERTS approached and asked [redacted] exactly what experimental work [redacted] was doing in connection with the secret government project at Raytheon. The source reported that [redacted] was obviously embarrassed because ROBERTS had not even attempted to ask his question discreetly. He was explicit and direct. [redacted] replied that in view of the classified nature of the project, he could not answer the question. ~~(S)~~

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(U) Thereupon, ROBERTS became angry and for a period of approximately ten minutes insisted that [redacted] advise him of the nature of the work at Raytheon. ROBERTS in so doing noted that he knew that the Raytheon work was being conducted in conjunction with the work at the Cambridge Field Station, and that further in connection with observations to be made by him at White Sands, N. M., he would soon have access to the Cambridge Field Station. He further stated that at the latter location, it would be possible for him to review all reports made by [redacted] on his work. He therefore ridiculed [redacted] for attempting to deprive him of the information at this time. [redacted] replied stiffly that at such time as ROBERTS presented proper credentials showing that he was entitled to receive the information, he would be only too happy to furnish it to him. ~~(S)~~

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(U) [redacted] then entered the discussion but did not volunteer any information, although he exhibited a more kindly attitude toward ROBERTS. [redacted] advised that some of the former employers of [redacted] at General Electric would probably give him a poor reference inasmuch as he was regarded as "mean, nasty, sneaky and a double crosser" by some of his former superiors and subordinates. ~~(S)~~

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(U) This same source further stated that BART BOK had been conducting some work for a part of this "secret project at South Dartmouth, Mass. where there is another Raytheon station concerned with guided missiles. In doing this work, BOK utilized the library and facilities of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass. ~~(S)~~

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The informant noted that [redacted] herself is indiscreet and discusses frequently work known by [redacted] at least to have been classified and to which [redacted] now has access as the person in charge of bibliography at Raytheon. (S)

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(U) This memo is being prepared for record purposes. (S)

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[REDACTED] on 4/20/48 advised BART BOK sent the following telegram to PAUL MERRILL, Mt. Wilson Observatory, Pasadena, California: "I was away when your letter April 6 arrived. HARVARD astronomers are startled and puzzled about small representation on I. A. U. commissions. I believe that you misunderstood my letter January 27. It was my intention to suggest that present Harvard membership be retained with the five recommendations for changes as indicated. It would be absurd to drop [REDACTED] Roberts, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as suggested by your listing and SHAPLEY, MENZEL, [REDACTED] WHIPPLE should be retained on the commissions in their own research fields. Letter follows."

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[REDACTED] (LNU) contacted BART BOK, telling the latter that the Atomic Energy Commission is having a preview in Boston on May 14 and soliciting from the latter names of individuals who might like to attend the preliminary showing before actual preview. BOK suggested the name of DONALD MENZEL who, he stated, was considered a stuffed shirt on atomic energy matters; FLETCHER WATSON and HARLOW SHAPLEY. BOK said that he would be the innocent bystander during the preview.

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[redacted] on May 23, 1968 advised [redacted] contacted EARL J. RAY relative to the recent decision of the Senate Judiciary Committee to hold hearings on the Martin Luther King Bill, starting Thursday of this week. [redacted] expressed hope that RAY would wire Senator Alexander Wiley of that Committee and protest the short notice as well as the bill itself. [redacted] asked if RAY would participate by attending the hearings and testifying, but RAY advised he would be leaving for Europe within the next three days and he would not have time.

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The purpose of such participation [redacted] explained is to obtain distinguished individuals from various fields to represent protests. [redacted] asked RAY about the participation of any other member the night volunteer. [redacted] said RAY, he looked up about it but was doubtful whether an organization like the AARP could throw any weight. [redacted] then asked whether the AARP had taken any stand on this issue. [redacted] explained that the Committee has a Civil Liberties section of which the chairman of the AARP, namely [redacted] University of Minnesota, is a member.

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RAY asked if [redacted] had called to [redacted] but was told that [redacted] had contacted EARL RAY. RAY mentioned that [redacted] was interested in this bill but was not too keen on testifying. [redacted] enthusiastically recommended [redacted] who is "exceedingly effective as a speaker and writer" and being head of the information department would bear weight. RAY also referred to a recently published list of names from Harvard College of persons who protested some issue. Among the names on this list, RAY suggested [redacted]

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Captain [redacted] of FBI contacted EARL RAY. [redacted] said he had lunch today with (RAY) [redacted] and that it was decided that the latter in question was all right except that it should be more shorter. RAY said he talked about that with [redacted] yesterday and it was decided to let [redacted] make it in any way he wished. [redacted] said he particularly wished to change the amount requested from \$1,000 to "2500 more or less." He said he wanted to include Admiral Bland in the mailing but that he could not request a contribution from him. He said he also wanted to include [redacted] a Harvard man, and a few others. RAY will send the leaflets and program a day earlier with the letter. [redacted] said he was going to Washington tomorrow with Senator [redacted] and would work on the mailing upon his return.

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Director, FBI

June 7, 1948

SAC, Boston

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Reference is made to Bureau SAC letter No. 77 dated May 15, 1948, Section B.

The above-named Subject is employed by the Harvard Observatory at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Investigation in the instant case is predicated upon the Subject's affiliations with not only the Communist Party and its front organizations, but also with certain persons involved or believed to be involved in the Russian network.

The greater part of the inquiry in the instant case is conducted through Confidential Informants [redacted] However, inasmuch as the Subject is a member of the faculty of Harvard and, further, because a new source, [redacted] of the Harvard Observatory, has been discovered, the stipulated authority described in the referenced letter is requested.

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The Bureau is assured that in conducting inquiries on or adjacent to the campus of Harvard, full precautions will be taken to prevent embarrassment.

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[redacted] on June 1, 1948 advised [redacted] (phonetic) contacted BART J. BOK, saying that he had met with Captain [redacted]. Dr. BOK said that Dr. SHAPLEY is having lunch with Captain [redacted] on Thursday. [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] (phonetic) of the Harvard Fund Council will be out at Climax in about a month. Dr. BOK stated that MENZEL would be there also about that time.

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BART J. BOK contacted [redacted] of the National Research Council, Washington, D. C., asking the latter if he had any news on the Fellowships. [redacted] suggested BOK get in touch with [redacted] (Evergreen 6-0100 - Philadelphia). BOK then told [redacted] that [redacted] (?) would be coming to New York on June 7. [redacted] is the head of the new science division and is going to the National Resource Conference at Lake Success. BOK told [redacted] that [redacted] would be at MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, from June 8 to 10. This information was made known to BOK by both [redacted] (phonetic) and [redacted] (phonetic). BOK then advised he had given [redacted] a list of science and UNESCO members in the U. S. and also said he would try to have [redacted] meet with [redacted] in Washington.

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Regarding [redacted] letter of May 26, BOK stated he could not take [redacted] place as he would be in Paris at that time. BOK added that ISADORE AMOUR would attend the meeting, but SHAPLEY had other plans. BOK also suggested MAURICE VISSCHER and [redacted] (phonetic) as possible candidates. BOK was interested in knowing whether anything further had been planned on the July 19 to 26 meeting but was told that they would decide this upon Bok's return from Europe on June 26. BOK left word that his secretary could take the messages and appointments. Regarding this meeting, BOK said MAURICE VISSCHER and [redacted] would be able to attend and could make good preparation for the national meeting. [redacted] expressed hope that [redacted] arrived at his destination.

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(informant notes [redacted] referred to above is identical to [redacted] (phonetic) mentioned by BOK in a conversation at a later time with [redacted].

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BOSTON FIELD OFFICE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Boston

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: DONALD MENZEL
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
Your file 100-18294

DATE: June 25, 1948

Reurlets 9/26/46 and 6/7/48.

A review of the Bureau's file in this case fails to reflect that the captioned subject is affiliated with the Communist Party and its front organizations or with persons believed involved in Russian espionage.

You are instructed to submit a report in this case containing the basis for your request to conduct an investigation of the captioned subject who is employed by the Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, Mass.

Upon receipt of your report consideration will then be given to authorizing the requested investigation.

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Director, FBI

RE: [redacted]
[redacted]
(Bureau file 100-205953)

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Dear Sir:

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Confidential Informant [redacted] informed this office that
on January 24, 1949 [redacted] contacted
[redacted] of Washington, D. C. Informant reported [redacted]
telephone number as Emerson 2728. (U)

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[redacted] stated that he had sent [redacted] a long letter
which was "psychological, philosophical and complicated." He added
[redacted] should receive it the next day as it had been mailed the previous
Sunday (January 23, 1949). [redacted] remarked he had "a little prohibition
in relation to [redacted] (phonetic). [redacted] is reported to have stated
"I am writing to you about some thoughts on anthropology. There is a
very interesting article by [redacted] (phonetic)." (U)

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[redacted] then asked [redacted] when he would go to Boston
and he stated he must talk with a person referred to as [redacted]
(phonetic). [redacted] added that he may have to go to Boston "suddenly"
but [redacted] then stated the man he wanted to see "may
leave suddenly for Europe." (U)

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[redacted] then asked [redacted] when she would be in Washington
and [redacted] answered she may be there in April. [redacted] then stated he
had talked "with a friend who was an excellent psychoanalyst." [redacted]
then stated things had been happening to her. She asked [redacted] not
to be such a stranger and drop a note occasionally. [redacted] stated he
would and [redacted] concluded the conversation stating "say hello to [redacted]" (U)

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It is noted that at the time of this conversation between
[redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] had not in the City of
Rochester but on some unknown activity in the New York City area, probably
in regard to his experiments on cosmic energy. (U)

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This is being submitted for informational purposes. (U)

Very truly yours

Special Agent
800- Washington Field
Boston
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H. C. VANCE,
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI

SAC GUY HOTTAL, Washington Field

Re: Donald November 8, 1947

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WINFIELD SALISBURY, a known associate of EDWARD U. CONDON, Director of the National Bureau of Standards, contacted [redacted] on October 11, 1948, according to [redacted]. It is noted that at the time, CONDON was in Paris.

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The conversation was reported by this source as follows:

SALISBURY said he was tied up for the next two days. (Apparently he had planned to come to CONDON's). [redacted] asked him how long he was staying. [redacted] stated that he was taking a plane out Wednesday afternoon (October 13, 1948) back to Rochester as he was working to get "their" cyclotron started there. [redacted] asked if that wasn't where EDWARD PETERS was. SALISBURY said he thought he was there. [redacted] said for SALISBURY to look up PETERS as he has an interesting story and asked if SALISBURY had heard. SALISBURY said no, he had missed it, [redacted] gave it at a seminar there. [redacted] said PETERS has two stories; he has some new scientific work he has done and then he has a personal story of what happened to him in Europe. SALISBURY said he would have to make it a point to get that. [redacted] said it was really unbelievable. SALISBURY stated that his oldest boy, age 18, started at Harvard this year.

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According to "Time" magazine, issue of January 12, 1948, SALISBURY is with COLLINS Radio and works with Dr. MENZEL of Harvard on cosmic rays using a cyclotron.

This data is being furnished interested offices for information.

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cc: Buffalo
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FROM : [REDACTED] SA

SUBJECT: DONALD H. MENZEL
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On October 29, 1948 the writer reviewed serials through number 50 in the instant file.

(U) The review reflected that the instant case was opened after an allegation by [REDACTED] that the Subject talked rather frequently about his work on cosmic ray, which work the Informant believed to be of a classified nature. A letter received from the Bureau and located in the file on HARLOW SHAPLEY reflects that the Subject is the Director of a research project in this field. The research is under Army and Navy contract but is not classified. Accordingly, the Subject cannot be adjudged to have been indiscreet in discussing cosmic ray research. ~~(S)~~

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(U) A further review of the file reflects that both [REDACTED] and BART BOK have stated that MENZEL is exceedingly anxious to accumulate money. A file review reflects that MENZEL has accepted part-time employment with various corporations and individuals in an effort to earn money, and that, further, he has refused to accommodate other observatories with the performance of scientific research unless he were paid. No inference can be drawn from this situation, however, that the man is disloyal or has Communist affiliations. ~~(S)~~

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(U) The only direct connections of the Subject with Communists are the following: ~~(S)~~

(U) [A New York report in 1941 reflected that he was a member of the National Executive Committee of the "American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom." New York described this organization as a Communist front. There is no indication that MENZEL was an active member of this group, and he is not known to have been affiliated with any other front groups.] [REDACTED] advised that on December 9, 1946 the Subject recommended FELIX CERNUSCHI for a teaching position. A highly confidential source has identified CERNUSCHI as a member of the Communist Party in 1945. However, there is no evidence that MENZEL was aware of CERNUSCHI's Communist affiliations and the two men were naturally well known to one another in view of their association at the Harvard Observatory.

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The file reflects that MENZEL has been associated in varying capacities with work on a number of confidential projects for the Army and Navy in at least 2 or 3 different points in the United States. It also appears that the Army has been investigating MENZEL off and on for 2 years. Captain [] advised the writer that the Army still views MENZEL with suspicion but had been unable to develop any affirmative derogatory information. b6 b7C

The writer contacted [] at ONI. [] stated that MENZEL was the subject of an extensive investigation by ONI and that said investigation began in 1939. Initially, the investigation was very favorable to MENZEL. It can be noted that a full personal history can be obtained through a review of this file, together with a physical description and photograph. MENZEL's ancestors were in the United States prior to the Civil War and fought on the Union side. During World War II MENZEL was a Commander in charge of a cryptographic office. He was also employed by the Naval Office of Scientific Research and Development and is credited with inventions of remarkable success in improving communications. Presently he is the Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Unit in Boston in cryptography. In view of the suspicion which has been attached to him through continuous association with HARLOW SHAPLEY, ONI has checked his activities most closely. No derogatory information has been developed. Because of reverberations following these checks from Washington, ONI locally is convinced that MENZEL has been possessed of a large "drag" at Navy Headquarters in Washington. The Boston file reflects that on occasion MENZEL has lunched at the Metropolitan Club in New York City with Captain [] Admiral CHESTER NIMITZ and an Admiral LEE. Navy investigation has developed information from a Navy Reservist at Harvard to the effect that MENZEL and SHAPLEY disagree on many scientific theories but that MENZEL is personally very loyal to Dr. SHAPLEY. Inasmuch as no Informant in a period of more than 2 years has developed any information indicating MENZEL is disloyal to the United States in any way, it is recommended that this case be closed administratively. b6 b7C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informants report Subject talked freely of research matter believed classified, and was associate of suspected Soviet sympathizers. Investigation reflects research matter was not classified. He was associated with the American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom, an alleged Communist front organization, in 1941. No evidence developed reflecting subversive activity in recent time.

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REFERENCE:

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DETAILS:

Investigation in the instant case is predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant [redacted] and [redacted]. This data consisted of allegations that Subject talked very freely about work on cosmic rays at Harvard Observatory where he is employed as a professor of astronomy. The Informants believed the cosmic ray research was classified. [redacted] also advised the Subject was associated with HARLOW SHAPLEY, BART ECK, WALTER ORR ROBERTS at the Harvard Observatory. Each of these persons has been or is the Subject of a pending security investigation in Boston.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on December 9, 1946

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that the Subject had recommended FELIX CERNUSCHI for a teaching position in a local university. Confidential Informant T-1 had already identified CERNUSCHI as an alien Argentinian teaching fellow at Harvard Observatory, and further identified him as a member of the Professional Section of the CP in 1945.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that in 1941 the Subject was a member of the National Executive Committee of the "American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom. This organization was described at the time as a Communist front organization but is not known to be in existence now.

Confidential Informant T-3 has advised that MINZEL has been associated in working on cosmic rays with WINFIELD SALISBURY. SALISBURY, in turn, is a close associate of EDWARD U. CONLON and BERNARD PETERS, the latter person being the subject of a pending investigation in the Washington Field Division, of a security nature.

Confidential Informant U has furnished the following information concerning MINZEL: MINZEL is a descendant of an old New England family. During the war years he was associated with Navy Department of the Government in a dual capacity. He was a research worker for the Naval Office of Scientific Research and Development and was further in charge of the Cryptographic Navy Unit at Boston, Massachusetts.

Confidential Informant U has conducted a number of inquiries concerning MINZEL of a loyalty nature and has been unable to develop any derogatory information.

Confidential Informant U has similarly made a number of inquiries concerning MINZEL in recent years with negative results.

Confidential Informant U has advised that the government contracts concerning cosmic ray research on which the Subject is employed are of a non-classified nature, although under the direction of both the Army and Navy

Confidential Informant [] and [] together with Confidential Informant T-4 have independently advised that the Subject is "hungry for money."

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Upon interview, these individuals have been unable to provide any

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information indicating subversive activity on the part of Subject. None of them have been able to learn that he has made any statements indicating sympathy for Communism or the Soviet Union. It is noted that all of these individuals are closely associated with him.

C L O S E D

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT SHEET

- Confidential Informant T-1. A highly confidential source having access to the records of the CP, and was contacted by Special Agent [redacted] et al on 2/2/1945. b6 b7C
- Confidential Informant T-2. A highly confidential source having access to the records of the organization named, and contacted by S.A. H. B. FLEISHER at New York City in the Fall of 1941.
- Confidential Informant T-3. Is Washington [redacted] as reported to the Boston Office by the Washington Field Office in letter to the Bureau dated 11/6/1947. b2 b7D
- Confidential Informant T-4. [redacted]

DIRECTOR, FBI

January 10, 1949

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ReBulet dated June 25, 1948. There is enclosed herewith report of
Special Agent [redacted] in instant case dated January 10, 1949.

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It is noted that the Navy Department has been and continues to conduct an extensive inquiry into the activities of this Subject. MENZEL is currently Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Unit in Boston charged with all code matters. His close association with HARLOW SHAPLEY has caused the Navy Department grave concern. The Office of Naval Intelligence in Boston has recommended on occasion that Subject be placed in a position involving work of another nature in view of the importance of this work to the National Defense. ONI, Boston, has reported that Subject apparently has a "large drag" at Navy Headquarters in Washington. He not only has maintained his position but he has indicated to ONI that he has known of their activity and does not approve of it.

Confidential Informant [redacted] has furnished information from time to time reflecting that MENZEL lunches in New York City at the Metropolitan Club with Admiral Chester Nimitz and Admiral Lee, and Captain [redacted] who is apparently the Metropolitan Club member who acts as host. The Navy investigation has developed information to the effect that MENZEL and SHAPLEY disagree on many scientific theories but that MENZEL is personally very loyal to SHAPLEY.

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The Army report of Subject was predicated upon his work of cosmic rays and further on his work on a contract involving the measurement of the speed and flight of guided missiles at White Sands, New Mexico. The latter project is not classified.

It is noted that Boston Office has not disseminated copies of enclosed report which is written in summary fashion. In view of the interest of the other 2 agencies and their continued efforts in this matter, it is suggested that the Bureau not disseminate copies at the Seat of Government. It is noted that the Office of Naval Intelligence in Boston has complete biographical data on this man which was not obtained lest our investigative interest be disclosed and we be asked to submit a copy of a report.

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Indices checks made by ONI from time to time have enabled that office to obtain the information in the Boston file for their records. No inquiries have been conducted at Harvard College, and as can be noted, this case is placed in a Closed status.

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[REDACTED] on 12/10/48 advised HARLOW SHAPLEY contacted [REDACTED]
(phonetic) in Dover. SHAPLEY explained that he, [REDACTED] and the (DONALD)
MENZELS were going to Bridgewater tomorrow and may stop at her place on the
return trip. (Informant advised SHAPLEY was heard to say that [REDACTED] was a
friend of his, that she is Hungarian and lives with an aunt whose deceased
husband was formerly an ambassador). (C)

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TO : File 100-18294

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FROM : Special Agent [REDACTED]

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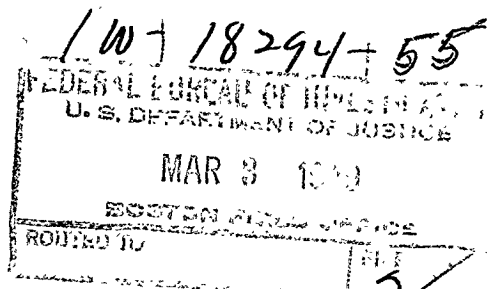
The HARVARD CRIMSON, student publication at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., on February 3, 1949, carried a news item announcing that a Professor FRED L. WHIPPLE, had succeeded Professor DONALD H. MENZEL, as chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. It indicated that MENZEL would continue his position as Professor of Astro-Physics and Associate Director of the Harvard Observatory but that he would move to the high altitude in Climax, Colorado which he founded in 1940 and there would continue his work on the sun's effect on the earth.

The above information is being recorded for the completion of the files of the Boston Office, in connection with the present whereabouts of Professor MENZEL.

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[REDACTED] on 3/23/49 advised PIET HEIN, who said he was from Denmark, contacted Dr. BOK and asked him if it was correct that they had an appointment to meet at 11:30. BOK stated that was correct and then said "you are also interested in V rockets?" HEIN said he was and that he also hoped to see (FNU) [REDACTED] (ph) at the Calculator Lab at 2:30 PM. BOK told HEIN he would introduce him to Dr. DONALD MENZEL.

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PIET HEIN contacted [REDACTED] and asked where and when Dr. SHAPLEY would speak at Springfield as he was also going there tonight. [REDACTED] checked and then advised the speech would be given at 8 PM and she thought it would be at Mt. Holyoke.

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HARLOW SHAPLEY
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(U) [] has advised of a conversation which occurred on June 5, 1949. The participants were HARLOW SHAPLEY, director of the Harvard Observatory, and one of his principal associates, Lieutenant Commander IRVING MENZEL, USNR, who is currently engaged on certain rocket research for the War and Navy Departments. (C)

(U) MENZEL opened the conversation by stating that the Cambridge Field Station desired to have all persons at the Harvard Observatory in any way affiliated with Government research work cleared for access to classified material. MENZEL stated that he himself had been so cleared and that his clearance had enabled him to spend three of the preceding fourteen days at the Watertown Arsenal. He wanted SHAPLEY'S opinion on the matter. (C)

(U) Initially SHAPLEY stated he did not wish clearance and that he did not wish his staff members to seek clearance because such action would then make them available for Government work. Once available, because of their abilities, they would no doubt be called upon to do such work with the result that the work of the Harvard Observatory would suffer. (C)

(U) MENZEL remonstrated by declaring that clearance did not obligate one to perform Government work. SHAPLEY then stated flatly that he felt that any effort on his part to obtain a security clearance would only involve him in difficulty. He added he usually managed to avoid the subject of being cleared by declaring that he was too busy to bother, that he still found he could get the information he needed or desired without difficulty. He added that in the past two months he had had two separate opportunities to visit the USSR and that he had declined them because he did not believe he could obtain a passport. SHAPLEY added that he was certain that LAURENCE ORR ROBERTS, director of the Clinch Observatory, could not obtain clearance. (C)

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(U) LENZEL then stated that ROBERTS was the basic reason for the instant conversation. He added that certain officials desired that ROBERTS be cleared or removed from access to work which LENZEL was handling. ~~(S)~~

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(U) SHAPLEY then exploded. He asserted that only "dumb witted reactionaries" would seek to obtain clearance. He noted that, according to [redacted] in a recent article published in the New Republic, the most valuable and worthwhile work on atomic energy had been done by two members of the Communist Party; i.e., [redacted] and [redacted]. ~~(S)~~

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(U) He averred that one [redacted] a research fellow under the AEA at Harvard Medical School, had recently suffered widespread unfavorable publicity because he had the intellectual curiosity to affiliate himself with the Communist Party for the purpose of ascertaining its ends and modus operandi. [redacted] had likewise had the intellectual sagacity to disassociate himself from the Communists when he had accomplished his purpose. Despite his sincere and scholastic approach he was now charged with disloyalty. SHAPLEY stated that he did not doubt that ROBERTS, who had a fine creative mind, had probably gone through somewhat the same course of action. ~~(S)~~

(U) LENZEL interrupted. He stated that SHAPLEY's opinion of clearance was not shared by the United States Army Airforce and that while he might agree with SHAPLEY as to theory that from the practical standpoint one had to obtain clearance today in order to have access to the most recent scientific developments. LENZEL added that he needed to have ROBERTS cleared; that he had personally obtained a temporary clearance through one [redacted] that ROBERTS had left himself open to a number of charges of Communist sympathy; that ROBERTS had needed those who held more conservative opinions than himself, including one [redacted]. ~~(S)~~

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(U) SHAPLEY interrupted to state that ROBERTS was a member of at least five subversive organizations. LENZEL agreed but insisted that ROBERTS should still attempt to obtain clearance with SHAPLEY's approval and help. LENZEL revealed that he had filed an application for a "Q clearance" in order that he might visit Los Alamos this summer. ~~(S)~~

(U) SHAPLEY told LENZEL that he was foolish. LENZEL replied that he had been instrumental personally in having a considerable scientific data declassified; that he was certain that when he got to Los Alamos he would find other material fit for declassification; that he could ultimately prevail upon the proper authorities to declassify said material to the advantage of all scientists. SHAPLEY characterized all "Declassification Boards as incompetent." ~~(S)~~

(U) The two men continued to discuss ROBERTS but added nothing in detail additional. ~~(S)~~

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(U) to the foregoing. MENZEL maintained until the end that ROBERTS must seek and obtain a security clearance for access to all confidential scientific information, including atomic energy. SHAPLEY remained insistent that if ROBERTS did seek such clearance he would only get himself into public difficulties because of his organizational affiliations. SHAPLEY added that ROBERTS had that temperament which would cause him to either resign his position of "break down" in the event he did receive unfavorable publicity. (X)

(U) The conversation was concluded when MENZEL advised SHAPLEY that on the week-end of July 4, he would entertain Captain [] USNR, of the Metropolitan Club in New York City, at Climax, Colorado, and would at the same time solicit [] to make a substantial contribution to the Harvard Observatory. (X) b6 b7C

(U) The foregoing is provided the Bureau and Denver for informative purposes. (X)

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[REDACTED] on 7-25-49 advised Dr. WALTER ROBERTS and a telephone man put in a test call from Denver, Colorado, and spoke first to HARLOW SHAPLEY and then Dr. DONALD MENZEL. SHAPLEY said he thought the connection was good but said extension 2392 was bad all the time. MENZEL said he never had any trouble getting a good connection and told ROBERTS that his ears were probably not accustomed to listening on long distance conversations. MENZEL said "I could not see anything wrong with the connection between here and Denver when you thought they were at their worst." The phone man seemed to think the connection was all right. Nothing further materialized. (C)

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[REDACTED] on 8-4-49 advised HARLOW SHAPLEY contacted [REDACTED] in Paterson,
N. J., and requested that he come to Boston on Monday next (8/8). [REDACTED]
stated he would be up. SHAPLEY wants [REDACTED] to confer with him and (DONALD)
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(U) [REDACTED] on 8-8-49 advised HARLOW SHAPLEY contacted WATSON DAVIS at which time DAVIS told SHAPLEY he got his passport today and sent it to SHAPLEY via registered mail today. SHAPLEY wanted to know if he had any trouble. DAVIS stated he did not. (C)

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(U) SHAPLEY stated he received a letter from (FNU) [REDACTED] (ph) who wants to discuss things with SHAPLEY when he gets to Paris. DAVIS is going to wire [REDACTED] and try to get SHAPLEY to stay at the Hotel Baltimore in Paris. SHAPLEY will arrive on (August) 15 in the morning. SHAPLEY stated he will be back on August 26, leaving Paris on August 25 and flying home via TWA. (C)

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(U) HARLOW SHAPLEY contacted DONALD MENZEL and told him to call [REDACTED] and ALAN SHAPLEY in Washington tomorrow and "sound out" their attitudes regarding the [REDACTED] affair. MENZEL said he would do just that immediately upon his arrival. (C)

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[redacted] on 10-19-49 furnished the following information: (S)

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HARLOW SHAPLEY contacted DONALD B. MENZEL and SHAPLEY stated that they are having an hour long "council session" at 4:15 PM today at the observatory. MENZEL stated that he can be there. SHAPLEY stated "the Academy" is tonight. (ASP?) (S)

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HARLOW SHAPLEY attempted to contact Prof. (VICTOR) WEISKOPF at M.I.T., but learned he was not in. He asked unknown woman if she knew whether or not WEISKOPF had sent him a copy of the telegram which WEISKOPF told him he had received from the Association of Scientists in Cambridge when they met at a meeting last night. The unknown woman stated she did not know but that she would check. (S)

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FROM : SAC, Albuquerque

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File → DONALD HOWARD MENZEL, a Professor at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts applied for a position as a Consultant with the University of California, AEC Project, Los Alamos, New Mexico on July 22, 1949. Under date of February 23, 1950, the University of California, advised the AEC Security Office, Los Alamos that MENZEL was no longer being considered for employment. MENZEL was not granted clearance by the AEC and has not had access to restricted data or exclusion areas at Los Alamos.

MENZEL was investigated by the Bureau under the case titled "DONALD HOWARD MENZEL - SF - 5411, ACAA.

The report of SA [redacted] Boston dated September 1, 1949 in connection with the above-mentioned investigation reflects the following:

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MENZEL in his Security Questionnaire claimed membership in the "American Committee of Democracy" in the year 1937 for several months. The American Committee of Democracy is unknown to informants of the Boston Office.

In forms completed for the Office of Naval Intelligence, Boston, Massachusetts, MENZEL admitted membership in the "American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom."

A highly confidential source (whose identity is known to the Albuquerque Office) having access to the records of the above-named organization, has advised that in 1941 MENZEL was a member of the National Executive Committee of the "American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom." The latter organization has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist front and was further cited by the Special Committee on Appropriations in a report dated April 21, 1943, page 3 as "subversive and un-American."

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In a questionnaire completed by MENZEL for the Office of Naval Intelligence, Boston, Massachusetts, MENZEL admitted affiliation in 1942, or earlier, with the "Soviet Amity Society!" The Office of Naval Intelligence could not determine that such a society existed at the time it conducted an investigation of MENZEL. It has more recently come to the conclusion that MENZEL may well have meant the "National Council of American-Soviet Friendship." or one of its predecessor organizations. [Boston Confidential Informant] stated that he would be reluctant to place MENZEL in a position wherein the security of the country might be at stake because of MENZEL's close association over a period of years with the following individuals: ~~10~~

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(U) Dr. HARLOW SHAPLEY; Dr. BART BOK; Dr. FELIX CERNUSCHI and Dr. WALTER ORR ROBERTS. ~~10~~

This informant has been closely associated with each of these individuals and regards each one of them to be at least a strong Soviet sympathizer.

(U) HARLOW SHAPLEY is employed as Director of the Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, Massachusetts as MENZEL's superior and according to Boston Confidential Informants] and] they are closely associated professionally and socially. ~~10~~

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(U) [Confidential Informant] has identified SHAPLEY as the National Chairman of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. The latter organization has been cited by the "Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities" of the California Legislature as a Communist front.

HARLOW SHAPLEY has been National Chairman of the Science Division of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship; a member of the Board of Directors of the American Russian Institute at New York City; a supporter nationally of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; and the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. Each of the last four named organizations has been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

BART JON BOK is employed as Assistant Director of the Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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Confidential Informant [] has identified BOK in recent years as an active and leading member of the American Association of Scientific Workers which organization the informant knows to be Communist infiltrated. This informant further advised that BOK has been a supporter for various events sponsored by the American Youth for Democracy and was associated as a faculty member with the Samuel Adams School For Social Studies. Each of the last two named organizations has been declared by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. ~~(c)~~

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Confidential Informant [] has provided information reflecting that BOK in 1946 attempted to aid NORMAN VEALL and ISRAEL HALPERIN, said persons having been indicted by a Canadian Loyalty Commission for violation of the Canadian Official Secrets Act. Both of these individuals were subsequently acquitted. ~~(c)~~

FELIX CERNUSCHI was until 1946 a member of the staff of the Harvard Observatory. In that year he returned to his native Argentina.

A highly confidential source (whose identity is not known to the Albuquerque Office) having access to the records of the Communist Political Association has identified CERNUSCHI as a member of the Communist Political Association in 1945.

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Confidential Informant [] has identified CERNUSCHI as a member of the faculty of the above-described Samuel Adams School until his departure from the United States in 1946. ~~(c)~~

The Communist Political Association has been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant [] advised that he was present in early 1946 when MENZEL recommended CERNUSCHI for employment as a teacher in this country to persons not known to the informant.

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WALTER ORR ROBERTS is employed as the Director of the Harvard Observatory at Climax, Colorado.

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Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] have each advised that ROBERTS is frequently critical of the foreign policy of the United States while simultaneously praising the conflicting foreign policy of the Soviet Union.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that ROBERTS has been an enthusiastic supporter of the extra-curricular activities engaged in by HARLOW SHAPLEY who is referred to above. ROBERTS was also a supporter of the "Cultural and Scientific Conferences for Peace" held at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City on March 25 -27, 1949.

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The New York Times of March 7, 1949, quotes Assistant Secretary of State GEORGE B. ALLEN as labeling the latter conference a Communist propaganda front.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Mrs. MENZEL had been invited to attend a luncheon to be given by BART BOK on March 12, 1947, honoring the visiting delegation of Russian astronomers to the Harvard Observatory. The informant did not know whether Mrs. MENZEL attended the luncheon but did know that Mrs. MENZEL was interested in whether Mrs. GREGORI SHAJN had been invited to the luncheon as Mrs. MENZEL wanted to send something over with Mrs. SHAJN. This informant advised that Mrs. SHAJN is the wife of GREGORIE SHAJN the leader of a group of nine Russian astronomers who arrived in New York City, October 16, 1946, upon the invitation of HARLOW SHAPLEY to study astronomy. This group returned to Russia about April 14, 1947.

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[redacted] advised that sometime during January 1948 he learned that SHAPLEY requested MENZEL to attend a small private luncheon for the British Nobel Prize Winner, P. M. BLACKETT. This informant advised that SHAPLEY told him BLACKETT was a member of the British Communist Party.

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The New York Times in a book review appearing in its issue of February 13, 1949, described P. M. BLACKETT's book "Fear War and the Bomb" as the best defense and explanation of the Russian viewpoint on the control of atomic energy.

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Confidential Informants [] and [] noted that Mrs. MENZEL was present at a meeting of the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions held at the Harvard Observatory Lounge on April 3, 1949. The principal speaker at this meeting was OLAF STAPLEDON, British delegate to the "Peace Conference" of March 25-27, 1949 which is described above. (S)

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In his Personnel Security Questionnaire MENZEL revealed that he did travel to Russia in 1936 in order to observe an eclipse at AK Bulak.

MENZEL together with [] prepared an article titled "Eclips in AK Bulak" appearing in the Technology Review, Volume 39, No. 1 for November 1936, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The article reveals some of the incidents which occurred on the expedition and states in response to alleged questions that the lot of the scientists in the Soviet Union in 1936 was one of a serene and happy life. He states he saw no evidences of police brutality, repressive measures, etc.

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It is further noted that this article reflects that on this trip MENZEL was associated with Russian Astronomer P. B. GERASIMOVIC at that time the director of a Soviet observatory.

The Harvard Crimson for January 6, 1948, carried a news item reflecting that MENZEL had won the Cressy Morrison Prize for a treatise on Astronomy. The Crimson story stated that he had won two prizes on three earlier occasions and in 1928, shared with an associate at the Harvard Observatory named P. B. GERASIMOVIC.

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The report of SA [] Washington, D. C. dated September 16, 1949, in connection with the above-mentioned investigation reflects the following:

The files of TI, another Government agency that conducts investigations (whose identity is not known to the Albuquerque Office) reflects that they have a photostatic copy of an original letterhead of the "American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom" dated March 25, 1942, at New York City on which the name of one DONALD HOWARD MENZEL (professor) Harvard University appears as being on the

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National Committee of that organization. It is noted that the American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom was cited as a Communist front which defended Communist teachings by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report of June 25, 1943, page 13 and Report of March 29, 1944, page 87.

The report of SA [redacted] New York City, dated September 14, 1949, in connection with the above-mentioned investigation reflects the following:

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The Congress of American Soviet Friendship which has also been known as the Soviet Amity Congress (MENZEL admitted affiliation with this Congress in 1942 as set out above) sponsored a committee that met on November 7 and 8, 1942 to pay tribute to the 25th Anniversary of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Among those in attendance were prominent persons in public life, persons primarily identified with the Communist Party and Government officials.

Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability (whose identity is not known to the Albuquerque Office) and who was associated with the American Council on Soviet Relations, advised this organization organized the Congress of American Soviet Friendship.

The Attorney General of the United States listed the American Council of Soviet Relations as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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The following description of MENZEL was obtained from the file in the AEC Security Office, Los Alamos, New Mexico

Name	DONALD HOWARD MENZEL
Address	32 Hubbard Park, Cambridge, Mass.
Age	48
Born	April 11, 1901 at Florence, Colorado
Height	6'
Weight	180 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Color	White
Sex	Male
Marital Status	Married
SSN Number	479-30-1140
NSN USNR	213097
Education	College degree with PhD degree
Occupation	Professor of Astronomy
Criminal Record	Arrested Roxbury, Mass., 11/23/45 for driving an automobile which failed to have a required city inspection sticker, fined \$3.00.

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Relatives

Father

Mother

CHARLES THEODORE MENZEL - Deceased
TINA GRACE ZINT - Deceased

Wife

FLORENCE ELIZABETH KREAGER MENZEL,
32 Hubbard Park, Cambridge, Mass.

All of the above relatives of MENZEL were born in the United States and are citizens of the United States.

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A copy of this memorandum is being furnished the Boston Office for their information in view of the fact that MENZEL's permanent employment and residence is within the territory covered by that office.

An appropriate stop notice has been placed with the AEC Security Office, Los Alamos, New Mexico for this office to be notified if MENZEL is again considered for employment on an AEC project.

No further investigation or action in this matter is contemplated by this office.

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SAC, Boston

E. J. McGABE, ASAC

May 23, 1950.

DONALD HOWARD MENZEL - SF - 5111

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SA [] today, as a result of a telephonic appointment, interviewed [] who identified himself as a representative of the Secretary for Air, and Chairman of the Air Force Loyalty Hearing Board, who ^{was} ~~was~~ interested in obtaining additional information from our files concerning DONALD HOWARD MENZEL, whose case is apparently under consideration by the Loyalty Board. b6 b7C

[] stated that he had noted that on page 4 of the report of SA [] dated Boston, Mass., Sept. 1, 1949, in the case of DONALD HOWARD MENZEL - SF - 5111, AEA-A, information concerning MENZEL is furnished by confidential informants T-3 and T-4. He stated that from this report it appeared that T-3 was associated with the applicant in his scientific work, but that no statement of a similar nature was made concerning T-4. b6 b7C

[] advised that the Air Force Hearing Board was interested in obtaining information concerning the associations of T-3 and T-4 with MENZEL in order to determine how much credibility could be placed in their statements. He was interested in determining if T-3 had been or is presently employed with MENZEL at Harvard Observatory. b6 b7C

[] stated that he appreciated the fact that we could not disclose the identity of these informants, but he was anxious to obtain any additional information that he could, in order to determine how much weight could be placed on their testimony. b6 b7C

[] informed [] and [] that he was not free to disclose any additional information and doubted that any additional information could be made available, but suggested that he call the office about 11 a.m. on May 24, 1950 and make an appointment to discuss it with ~~him~~ you. b6 b7C

A review of the files reflects that it will be very difficult to give any additional information concerning these informants, [] to the Air Force representatives without practically disclosing the identity of the informants. b6 b7C

[] of the Bureau was telephonically advised of the inquiry and informed that we do not contemplate giving any information in addition to that already made available to the Air Force. [] stated that he will look into the matter and advise. b6 b7C

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(U) Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that on October 20, 1950 HARLOW SHAPLEY had a conversation with one [redacted] SHAPLEY asked [redacted] if the "Academy" was still meeting the first Sunday in January. [redacted] said that one of the members, not named, would not be back in time, and SHAPLEY said that a postponement would have to be set by MENZEL (DONALD MENZEL?). SHAPLEY said that most of the patrons of the Academy go south after the meeting. [redacted] said that one [redacted] from Utah was not essential. (X)

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(U) [redacted] said the only people who did not attend the last meeting of the Academy were the politicians. SHAPLEY said that COMPTON (KASH COMPTON?) claimed [redacted] believes that the scientists should get out of politics. [redacted] said that [redacted] had lost interest in the Academy because the subjects are all on science in politics and science in world affairs. [redacted] said that freedom would be an excellent subject to discuss because the people as a whole do not realize what it is. SHAPLEY agreed but said it would have to be handled very carefully or they would be called Communists. SHAPLEY said he had a talk with [redacted] and was quite surprised to hear his opinion that there is quite a struggle for freedom at Harvard University. [redacted] said that [redacted] is all for it and with [redacted] and a few others they could do it. (c) (X)

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(U) SHAPLEY said that one [redacted] would be willing to pay the expenses of a freedom conference. (X)

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(U) SHAPLEY said that [redacted] and himself are going to New York to talk about freedom. (X)

(U) In a later conversation the same day, [redacted] told SHAPLEY he had just received a letter from [redacted] stating that nothing could be done on the meeting until a report of the survey of the entire group is completed. SHAPLEY and [redacted] both agreed that [redacted] was just using delaying tactics. The rest of the group wants to let on with the business on hand. SHAPLEY said that [redacted] should be informed of this as he would know what to do about it. (c) (X)

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(U) It is possible that the [redacted] named above is identical with [redacted] It is believed that the Academy referred to above is the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. (c) (X)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BOSTON

DATE: October 2, 1951

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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A copy of the 1949 "Harvard Album" published by the Harvard College class of 1949 was made available to the writer by [REDACTED] 30 Melville Avenue, Dorchester, Massachusetts, a member of the class of 1949.

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Boston Office Photographer [REDACTED] copied the photograph of the above-listed person who was referred to on Page 56 of the album.

Copies of that photograph, together with negatives, are attached hereto. ~~being retained in the 1A section of this file.~~

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Boston (100-18294)

DATE: November 19, 1952

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: DONALD H. MENZEL
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(U) Security Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability on November 7, 1952 gave to SA [REDACTED] of the Boston Office the following information concerning Dr. DONALD H. MENZEL. (S)

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(U) The Informant said that his wife, who is Security Informant [REDACTED] is one of the staff at the Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, Massachusetts. She holds the title of [REDACTED] at Harvard. The Subject, DONALD H. MENZEL, is Acting Director of the Harvard Observatory. The observatory has a number of what are called "grants" from all three of the United States Armed Forces. The "grants" are appropriations for research projects conducted by the observatory. Each one of them is assigned to one of the members of the observatory staff who has the responsibility of seeing that the funds made available by that branch of the Armed Forces are used for the purpose intended. (S)

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(U) He said that MENZEL recently approached [REDACTED] and suggested that she use some of the funds in one Government grant assigned to her for some purpose connected with the observatory which had nothing to do with the purpose named in the grant or any other Government purpose. She refused. During the course of the conversation, Dr. MENZEL intimated to her that other members of the staff were regularly doing with their grants what he had asked her to do. (S)

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(U) [REDACTED] could give no more detailed information than the above concerning this matter. [REDACTED] has not been interviewed by this Agent. (S)

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(U) cc: [REDACTED] (S)

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Security Informant [REDACTED] on February 3, 1953, informed the writer that according to [REDACTED] the Harvard Observatory has a number of Government contracts, principally with the Navy Department, to conduct certain research projects. [REDACTED] has told him that it is common talk among the employees of the Harvard Observatory that DONALD MENZEL, now Acting Director of the Observatory, is diverting some of the funds that are received from the Government to pay for these research projects to other Observatory uses not connected with the Government contracts. Neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] can give any specific information as to exactly what contracts are involved, but [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] obtain as much specific information as was possible. (U)

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On February 25, 1953, the writer received by mail from [REDACTED] a written report to the effect that the only things about the contracts at Harvard [REDACTED] had found out so far were the following numbers of contracts which were assigned in 1951 and which would probably run for two years: (U)

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The informant said in his report that both of these contracts were in FRED WHIPPLE's control. He said there were several items of interest about FRED WHIPPLE--He is said to have spent a few years in a mental institution in the West or Mid-West. He said that the current rumor regarding his actions is that perhaps he should

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cc - [REDACTED]

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(DONALD MENZEL)
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be put back into an institution. He is divorced, has one child in college, has remarried and has had other children. The informant himself believes that WHIPPLE is a psychopathic case.

The writer again consulted with the informant on March 2, 1953. The informant at that time said he had received no further specific information concerning possible illegal diversion of funds but that when either [] do receive such information they will immediately inform the writer.

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RE: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL

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This Bureau, during September, 1949, conducted an applicant type investigation on DONALD HOWARD MENZEL, born November 4, 1901 at Florence, Colorado. Spouse is Florence Elizabeth (Kreager).

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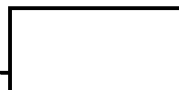
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The results of the nationwide applicant type investigation are not in the possession of the Boston FBI Field Office but can be obtained by your Washington, D. C. Headquarters through FBI Headquarters in that city.

The above is for your confidential information and should not be disseminated outside your office.

This is the result of a request for a check of the FBI Field Office files only and is not to be considered as a clearance.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: October 18, 1946

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
War Department
Washington, D. C.

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Attention: Reading Panel
Military Intelligence Service

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: DONALD H. MENZEL

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Donald H. Menzel is now and was before the war an Associate Professor of Astronomy at Harvard University. Over a long period of years he has been a very close associate of Harlow Shapley who has been prominent in many Communist front organizations.

During World War II, Menzel was a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy, stationed at Climax, Arizona. According to information furnished by Menzel to an informant, Menzel was in charge of a "frequency forecast" experiment at Climax. This experiment had to do with the ionization of the stratosphere and allegedly enabled the operators of communication equipment and radar to forecast the best hours each day for the use of this equipment. The experiments conducted were successful and were regarded as a very important contribution to the war effort. In late August of 1946, Menzel advised our informant that this project, which was an exclusive United States scientific development in communications, had recently been declassified and he attempted to explain it to the informant.

Recently, according to our informant, Menzel has been working on the development of energy from the cosmic ray and is doing a considerable amount of talking about his research on the cosmic ray.

Menzel is reported to be leaving the United States shortly to attend an undescribed scientific convention in Holland, which convention will be attended by scientists from every country in the world, including the Soviet orbit. Our informant has advised that from his contact with Menzel it is entirely possible that the latter will freely discuss his experiment at Climax Arizona and his recent experiments on the development of energy from the cosmic ray.

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The files of this Bureau reflect that in 1941 Menzel was elected to the national executive committee of "The American Committee for Democratic And International Freedom, 519 West 21 Street, New York City."

The above is being furnished to you for your information and any action deemed desirable. In the event that any action is taken by you on the above information, it is requested that extreme care be taken in order that our informant, who has proven very reliable, not be exposed.

cc - Chief of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9/26/46

FROM : SAC, Boston

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Mr. NeaseConfidential Informant has furnished the following information to the Boston Field Division.

DONALD H. MENZEL is now and was before the war an Associate Professor of Astronomy at Harvard University. Over a long period of years he has been a very close associate of HARLOW SHAPLEY, who is the subject of a pending Internal Security (R) case in Boston.

During the recently concluded war MENZEL was a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy stationed at Climax, Arizona. At Climax, MENZEL was in charge of a "frequency forecast" experiment. This had to do with the ionization of the stratosphere and allegedly enabled the operators of communication equipment and radar to forecast the best hours each day for the use of this equipment. The experiment was successful and is regarded in United States scientific circles, according to the informant, as being only second to the atomic bomb as an important invention. In scientific circles, according to the informant, this invention was believed to have played a great part in the defeat of the Japanese in the Pacific area. MENZEL advised the informant in late August that this project which was an exclusive United States scientific development in communications had recently been declassified. He then attempted to explain the matter hastily to the informant.

Confidential Informant advised at the present moment MENZEL at Harvard has been working on the development of energy from the cosmic ray. This source of power, according to the informant, will outrank the atomic bomb in about the same proportion that a magnum outranks a .22 caliber target pistol.

The informant alleges MENZEL is going about doing a considerable amount of talking about his research on the cosmic ray and while the informant does not know that this matter is classified it would appear that it is not a good thing to discuss in circles where known Communists are present.

MENZEL is leaving the United States shortly to attend an undescribed scientific convention in Holland. Scientists from every country in the world, including the Soviet orbit, will be present and the informant believes that if the cosmic ray experiments and the experiments at Climax, Arizona, are vital to the defense of the United States it would be well to keep MENZEL in *country*.*Letter One + 8-2
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The foregoing is provided for the Bureau's information and such action as it deems necessary.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Washington Field Division for use in the event the Bureau requests action by that office in locating MENZEL's record at the State Department.

For the completion of the Bureau's file it will be noted that there is but one reference to MENZEL in the indices of the Boston Field Division, Boston, Massachusetts. The report of Special Agent Howard Fletcher at New York City dated December 24, 1941 entitled "THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRATIC AND INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM, 519 West 21 Street, New York City," reflects that on October 20, 1941 MENZEL was elected to the national executive committee of that organization. The information was obtained from a highly confidential source. //

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: DONALD MENZEL
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: June 7, 1948

Reference is made to Bureau SAC letter No. 77 dated May 15, 1948, Section B.

The above-named Subject is employed by the Harvard Observatory at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Investigation in the instant case is predicated upon the Subject's affiliations with not only the Communist Party and its front organizations, but also with certain persons involved or believed to be involved in the Russian network.

The greater part of the inquiry in the instant case is conducted through Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted]. However, inasmuch as the Subject is a member of the faculty of Harvard and, further, because a new source, [redacted] has been discovered, the stipulated authority described in the referenced letter is requested.

The Bureau is assured that in conducting inquiries on or adjacent to the campus of Harvard, full precautions will be taken to prevent embarrassment.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

SUBJECT: DONALD MENZEL
SECURITY MATTER (C)
(Bureau File 100-346651)

DATE: January 10, 1949

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ReBulet dated June 25, 1948. There is enclosed herewith report of Special Agent [] in instant case dated January 10, 1949.

It is noted that the Navy Department has been and continues to conduct an extensive inquiry into the activities of this Subject. MENZEL is currently Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Unit in Boston charged with all code matters. His close association with HARLOW SHAPLEY has caused the Navy Department grave concern. The Office of Naval Intelligence in Boston has recommended on occasion that Subject be placed in a position involving work of another nature in view of the importance of this work to the National Defense. ONI, Boston, has reported that Subject apparently has a "large drag" at Navy Headquarters in Washington. He not only has maintained his position but he has indicated to ONI that he has known of their activity and does not approve of it.

Confidential Informant Boston [] has furnished information from time to time reflecting that MENZEL lunches in New York City at the Metropolitan Club with Admiral Chester Nimitz and Admiral Lee, and Captain [] who is apparently the Metropolitan Club member who acts as host. The Navy investigation has developed information to the effect that MENZEL and SHAPLEY disagree on many scientific theories but that MENZEL is personally very loyal to SHAPLEY.

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The Army report of Subject was predicated upon his work on cosmic rays and further on his work on a contract involving the measurement of the speed and flight of guided missiles at White Sands, New Mexico. The latter project is not classified.

It is noted that Boston Office has not disseminated copies of enclosed report which is written in summary fashion. In view of the interest of the other 2 agencies and their continued efforts in this matter, it is suggested that the Bureau not disseminate copies at the Seat of Government. It is noted that the Office of Naval Intelligence in Boston has complete biographical data on this man which was not obtained lest our investigative interest be disclosed and we be asked to submit a copy of a report.

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Indices checks made by ONI from time to time have enabled that office to obtain the information in the Boston file for their records. No inquiries have been conducted at Harvard College, and as can be noted, this case is placed in a Closed status.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 100-18294 HLL

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informants report Subject talked freely of research matter believed classified, and was associate of suspected Soviet sympathizers. Investigation reflects research matter was not classified. He was associated with the American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom, an alleged Communist front organization, in 1941. No evidence developed reflecting subversive activity in recent time.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in the instant case is predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant [redacted] and [redacted]. This data consisted of allegations that Subject talked very freely about work on cosmic rays at Harvard Observatory where he is employed as a professor of astronomy. The Informants believed the cosmic ray research was classified. [redacted] also advised the Subject was associated with HARLOW SHAPLEY, BART BOK, WALTER ORR ROBERTS at the Harvard Observatory. Each of these persons has been or is the Subject of a pending security investigation in Boston.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on December 9, 1946

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that the Subject had recommended ~~FELIX CERNUSCHI~~ for a teaching position in a local university. Confidential Informant T-1 had already identified CERNUSCHI as an alien Argentinian teaching fellow at Harvard Observatory, and further identified him as a member of the Professional Section of the CP in 1945.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that in 1941 the Subject was a member of the National Executive Committee of the "American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom." This organization was described at the time as a Communist front organization but is not known to be in existence now.

Confidential Informant T-3 has advised that MENZEL has been associated in working on cosmic rays with ~~WINFIELD SALISBURY~~. SALISBURY, in turn, is a close associate of ~~EDWARD U. CONDON~~ and ~~BERNARD PETERS~~, the latter person being the subject of a pending investigation in the Washington Field Division, of a security nature.

Confidential Informant O has furnished the following information concerning MENZEL: MENZEL is a descendant of an old New England family. During the war years he was associated with Navy Department of the Government in a dual capacity. He was a research worker for the Naval Office of Scientific Research and Development and was further in charge of the Cryptographic Navy Unit at Boston, Massachusetts.

Confidential Informant O has conducted a number of inquiries concerning MENZEL of a loyalty nature and has been unable to develop any derogatory information.

Confidential Informant G has similarly made a number of inquiries concerning MENZEL in recent years with negative results.

Confidential Informant O has advised that the government contracts concerning cosmic ray research on which the Subject is employed are of a non-classified nature, although under the direction of both the Army and Navy

Confidential Informant [redacted] together with Confidential Informant T-4 have independently advised that the Subject is "hungry for money."

Upon interview, these individuals have been unable to provide any

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information indicating subversive activity on the part of Subject. None of them have been able to learn that he has made any statements indicating sympathy for Communism or the Soviet Union. It is noted that all of these individuals are closely associated with him.

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- Confidential Informant T-1. A highly confidential source having access to the records of the CP, and was contacted by Special Agent LAWRENCE G. HEALEY, et al on 2/2/1945.
- Confidential Informant T-2. A highly confidential source having access to the records of the organization named, and contacted by S.A. H. B. FLETCHER at New York City in the Fall of 1941.
- Confidential Informant T-3. Is Washington [redacted] as reported to the Boston Office by the Washington Field Office in letter to the Bureau dated 11/8/1947. b2 b7D
- Confidential Informant T-4. [redacted]

SAC, Boston

June 25, 1948

Director, FBI

DONALD MENZEL

INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Your file 100-18294

Reurlets 9/26/46 and 6/7/48.

A review of the Bureau's file in this case fails to reflect that the captioned subject is affiliated with the Communist Party and its front organizations or with persons believed involved in Russian espionage.

You are instructed to submit a report in this case containing the basis for your request to conduct an investigation of the captioned subject who is employed by the Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, Mass.

Upon receipt of your report consideration will then be given to authorizing the requested investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/27/67

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

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SUBJECT: DONALD H. MENZEL
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Re WFO letter to Bureau dated 5/12/67, entitled
"Development of Selected Contacts; (DESECO) (IS-R)."

In referenced letter-instructions were received to consider a "Sounding-Out" interview under the DESECO Program of DONALD H. MENZEL, 32 Hubbard St., Cambridge, Mass. A review of the files of the Boston Office discloses that DONALD H. MENZEL is a Professor at Harvard University and was the subject of an investigation by the Boston Office under the character of Security Matter - C. Reports were submitted to the Bureau concerning MENZEL under Bufile 100-346651. In addition, in the past MENZEL was a subject of an LGE investigation by this service.

MENZEL in the past had applied for a position as a Consultant with the University of California, AEC Project, Los Alamos, New Mexico on 7/22/49. MENZEL was not granted clearance by the AEC and was not given access to restricted data at Los Alamos.

Investigation in the past has developed that MENZEL reportedly talked freely about research-matters and was an associate of suspected Soviet sympathizers.

After consideration of the available information concerning MENZEL, Boston does not intend to interview him unless contrary instructions are received from the Bureau. Accordingly, Boston is taking no further action concerning MENZEL at this time under the DESECO Program.

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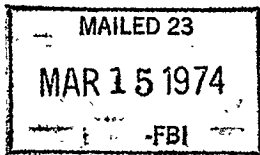
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Professor Donald H. Menzel
Center for Astrophysics
60 Garden Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Professor Menzel:

Thank you for your letter of March 7th concerning the kidnaping of [redacted] copies of which you directed to our Boston and San Francisco Offices. I understand the interest and concern which prompted you to write and your observations are very much appreciated. b6 b7C

The FBI is doing its utmost to see that [redacted] is returned safely to her family and to bring her abductors to justice. The cooperation of interested citizens is an important element in the solution of such a crime and I welcome your desire to be of assistance. b6 b7C



Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose that in 1949 the Bureau conducted an AEA-Applicant investigation concerning Menzel. During this investigation it was ascertained that Menzel admitted former membership in the American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom which was cited by the HCUA as subversive. In 1942 Menzel attended a meeting supported by the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship. On 2/26/51 the Loyalty Review Board advised that Menzel had been found eligible on loyalty.

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MEMORANDUM

To: F. B. I.
From: Donald H. Menzel
Subject: [redacted] Kidnapping

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On March 6, radio announcements requested anyone having ideas or suggestions concerning the [redacted] kidnapping, however to make them. I telephoned the following information to the FBI that evening.

The cryptic message was signed "CINQUE." Commentators generally pronounced this with, "Sin-Cue." I think it should be pronounced: "Ching-Kwi," since the spelling is identical with, and this can hardly be an accident, the Italian word for "FIVE." If the head of the organization calls himself "number 5," I assume there are five members taking part in the kidnapping. The total number, indicated by the number of cobra heads on the logo, seven, could possibly represent the five kidnapers and the two members now in prison.

The parent Italian connection should be considered. What about the Mafia?

I have the following additional thoughts not previously communicated. [redacted] wise decision not to make food available on the second round until his daughter's release has apparently thrown some disorder into the ranks of the kidnapers. They had additional demands, which now they are undecided as to the best method of meeting them. Not all of their aims are as altruistic as appeared initially. I think some of them want their pay off and ransom money was to be demanded. There is considerable dissension, I now think, in their ranks.

They are aware of the dangers connected with demanding and receiving ransom, but I think this will be their next major step.

I don't know whether any of the foregoing could possibly be of any help, but at least it can do no harm.

Sincerely yours, 9 MAR 11 1974

CENTER FOR ASTROPHYSICS
60 GARDEN STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138

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Donald H. Menzel
Paine Professor of Practical
Astronomy, Emeritus, Harvard
University. Former Director
of Harvard College Observatory.
Senior Scientist, Emeritus,
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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DONALD H. MENZEL
Harvard College Observatory
Cambridge, Mass. 02138
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The source was unable to determine the purpose
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and WFO 100-16597-5583) in a State Department Memorandum concerning a Soviet invitation to send a U.S. group to observe an eclipse of the sun in the USSR in 1954. Menzel said he and his colleagues were not particularly interested in accepting the Soviet invitation. Menzel is mentioned in San Francisco report of SA [redacted] titled CINRAD-(IS-R) dated 4/10/50. Subject is mentioned (WFO 105-14317-1066) as a visitor to the 10th General Assembly of International Astronomical Union in Moscow, 8/13-20/58. (u)

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(C) [redacted] no communication will be prepared, unless office of origin has indicated it desires to be advised. (u)

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In the event an investigation is initiated by the receiving office, WFO desires copies of the results. Copies should be sent to WFO file 105-116046 Sub M. Conduct of such investigation should be governed not only by the pertinent section of the Manual of Instruction under which the case is opened, but also by Section 105N, pertaining to contact cases. (u)

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[redacted] this information should be used for background and lead purposes only. No reference to this information should be made during any investigation and/or interview of the subject." (u)

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Remarks: DONALD H. MENZEL listed as born 4/11/07 in the U.S. and travelling on US Passport C/315960 issued 2/9/72 in the U.S.

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FLORENCE MENZEL listed as born 10/18/07 in the U.S. and travelling on US Passport E995886 issued 5/13/44 in the U.S.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Check records of Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, for pertinent background information regarding subject(s) and forward to appropriate office of origin

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-264611)

DATE: 11/12/74

FROM : SAC, BOSTON [redacted]

SUBJECT: CHANGED

~~MPA~~ DONALD HOWARD MENZEL; (NES)
FLORENCE ELIZABETH (KREAGER) MENZEL
IS - CH
(OO: BOSTON)

0-7 BS 12/4/74 BTP/DW.
Delete subject & wife's name
from title. If you feel she merits
being investigated, open separate
case. Otherwise no need to include
her in title.

Title is marked "Changed" to include the initially captioned subject's full, true name and to add the name of the subject's wife as developed through investigation. Title originally carried as "DONALD H. MENZEL, IS - CH (OO: Boston)." (u)

Re Bureau 0-7 dated 10/31/74 enclosing HONlet dated 9/25/74 captioned "DONALD H. MENZEL; FLORENCE MENZEL, IS - CH." (u)

[Investigation was previously conducted at Boston during July, 1974.] [redacted] X

[redacted] and this matter was closed administratively. Results of this investigation are hereinafter set out: (u)

Boston files contain several references to initial captioned subject (born 11/4/01, Florence, Colorado), who came to notice in the early 1950's peripherally during the course of various security-type investigations concerning acquaintances of MENZEL. However, no known affiliations with CPUSA members or information which might label MENZEL as a security risk evolved from these investigations.

Boston files also reflected that MENZEL offered the Bureau his observations concerning the analysis of the SLA [redacted] kidnaping by letter to the Director, FBI, dated 3/7/74.

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A review of the 1973-1974 Harvard University Staff-Faculty Directory disclosed the following information:

DONALD HOWARD MENZEL, A.M., A.B., Ph.D., A.M. (Honorary) (u)
S.D. (Honorary); the Paine Professor of Practical
Astronomy, Emeritus; Professor of Astrophysics;
Honorary Associate of Kirkland House. Office:
Observatory, Room A201. Residence: 1010 Memorial
Drive, Cambridge. (u)

Boston files contain no information concerning
FLORENCE ELIZABETH (KREAGER) MENZEL (born 10/18/07 in the
United States). (u)

Attached for the Bureau is a curriculum vitae
extracted from "Who's Who in America," 1974-1975 Edition,
which contains complete background data concerning MENZEL
and precludes the necessity of setting out this information
separately. (u)

Albeit the fact that the subject is seventy-three
years old and his employment is in a non-sensitive capacity,
Boston notes his previous cooperative attitude and, therefore,
intends to submit a separate communication requesting authority
to interview DONALD HOWARD MENZEL. (u)

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MENZEL, DONALD HOWARD, astrophysicist; b. Florence, Colo., Apr. 11, 1901; s. Charles Theodore and Ina Grace (Zint) M.; A.B., U. Denver, 1920, A.M., 1921, Sc.D. (hon.), 1954; A.M., Princeton, 1923, Ph.D., 1924; A.M. (hon.), Harvard, 1942; m. Florence Elizabeth Kreeger, June 17, 1926; children—Suzanne Kay, Elizabeth Ina. Field Scout exec., Denver, 1920; summer and part time tchr. math. Denver pub. schs., 1921; instr. math. U. Denver, 1919-21; asst. Princeton, 1921-22. Thaw fellow, 1922-23. Procter fellow, 1923-24; summer asst. Harvard Obs., 1922-24; instr. astronomy U. Ia., 1924-25; asst. prof. Ohio State U., 1925-26; asst. astronomer Lick Obs., 1926-32; exchange prof. U. Cal., 1928, 31; asst. prof. astronomy, Harvard, 1932-35, asso. prof. astrophysics, 1935-38, prof. astrophysics, 1938-71, Paine prof. practical astronomy, 1956-71, emeritus, 197—, chmn. dept. astron., 1946-49; asso. dir. Harvard Obs. for solar research, 1947-54, acting dir., 1952-54, dir., 1954-66; research sciehist Smithsonian Astrophys. Obs., 1966-71; chmn. council Boyden Obs., 1954—; chief scientist G.C.A. Corp., 1959-69; tech. dir. Engring. Space Systems Co., Inc., 1973—; Rushton lectr. Birmingham So. Coll., 1954; vis. prof. U. Chile, 1963; State Dept. specialist for Latin Am. lectr., 1964—; hon. prof. physics, engring. and math. Universidad Nacional de San Agustín, Arequipa, Peru, 1972. Bd. dirs., mem. exec. com. Assn. Univs. Research in Astronomy, Inc., 1957-66; bd. dirs. Washington Planetarium and Space Center, 1961-71; vis. com. Nat. Bur. Standards, 1951-54, chmn., 1953-54; founder, mem., chmn. bd. dirs. Nat. Radio Astronomy Obs., 1952-59; mem. Lick Obs.-Crocker eclipse expdns., Cal., 1930, Me., 1932; dir. Harvard-Mass. Inst. Tech. eclipse expdn., USSR, 1936; dir. U.S.-Brit. eclipse expdn. Can., 1945, Harvard Obs. Expdn. to observe Occultation of Regulus by Venus, 1959, eclipse expdns. Mpls., 1954, Italy, 1961, Mass., 1959, Greece, 1966, Peru, 1966, Mexico, 1970. Served as corporal R.O.T.C., 1917-18; Served from lt. comdr. to comdr., USNR, 1942-45; mem., chmn. radio propagation com. Joint and Combined Chiefs of Staff, 1943-45. Recipient A. Cressy Morrison award N.Y. Acad. Sci., 1926, 28, 47; James H. Rand scholarship in astrophys. computation, 1955; Thomas Alva Edison Found. award, 1957; Distinguished Citizens award Denver, 1958. Mem. Am. Astron. Soc. (pres. 1954-56, dir.-at-large 1959-61), Am. Geophys. Union, Am. Assn. Variable Star Observers, Astron. Soc. Pacific, Am. Acad. Arts and Scis., Royal Astron. Soc., Internat. Astron. Union (pres. commn. 13 on eclipses 1948-55, pres. commn. 17-the moon 1964-67), Am. Philos. Soc. (v.p. 1965-68), I.E.E.E. (sr. mem.), Internat. Geophys. Union, Internat. Radio Sci. Union, Nat. Acad. Scis., Internat. Joint

Commn. for High Altitude Research Stas. (pres. 1950-54), Am. Math. Soc., Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi (pres. Harvard chpt. 1941-42), Club: Harvard Wireless (trustee). Author: A Study of the Solar Chromosphere, 1931; Stars and Planets, 3d edit., 1938; The Story of the Starry Universe, 1941; Elementary Manual of Radio Propagation, 1948; Our Sun, rev. edit., 1959; Flying Saucers, 1953; Theoretical Physics, 1938; Fundamental Formulas of Physics, rev. edit., 1960; Mathematical Physics, 1953; The Universe in Action, 1957; The Radio Noise Spectrum, 1960; (with H. M. Jones and L.G. Boyd) Writing a Scientific Paper, 1961; (with P.L. Bhatnagar and H. K. Sen) Stellar Interiors, 1963; Selected Papers on Physical Processes in Ionized Plasmas, 1962; The Friendly Stars, 1964; (with Lyle G. Boyd) The World of Flying Saucers, 1963; Selected Papers on The Transfer of Radiation, 1966; (with B. Shore) The Principles of Atomic Spectra, 1968; Astronomy, 1970; (with others) Survey of the Universe, 1971. Bd. editors The Telescope, 1937-41, Sky and Telescope, 1941-59; editor Prentice Hall Physics Series, 1947-54; Field Guide to the Stars and Planets, 1964. Research work in field of astrophysics. Home: 1010 Memorial Dr Cambridge MA 02138

REFERENCE:

Who's Who in America, 38th Edition 1974-1975
Volume 2, Page 2126, Marquis Who's Who Inc. Chicago, Ill.

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ReBSlet 12/11/74. (u)

You are authorized to interview subject in accordance with existing instructions as contained in Section 105 G and Section 105 N of the Manual of Instructions. Interview should be conducted away from the Harvard University campus, and subject should be advised that the Bureau is not interested in legitimate academic activities. (u)

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Furnish results of interview in form suitable for dissemination along with your recommendations for further action. (u)

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Letter to Boston

Re: Donald Howard Menzel

105-264611

NOTE:

Subject is an American citizen, born 11/4/01 and is the Paine Professor of Practical Astronomy, Emeritus and Professor of Astrophysics, Emeritus, Harvard University. [redacted]

~~(S)~~ [redacted] ~~(S)~~ Although subject is 73 years of age, Boston feels interview may be productive vis-a-vis his observations regarding recent travel. Subject recently voluntarily cooperated with the Bureau in SLA [redacted] kidnapping case and should be receptive to interview. Direct approach to interview being utilized [redacted]

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~~(S)~~ [redacted] Bureau files contain no derogatory information on subject. ~~(S)~~

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-264611)

12/11/74

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

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SUBJECT: CHANGED
DONALD HOWARD MENZEL
IS-CH
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The title is marked "CHANGED" to delete name of subject's wife
as further investigation of latter is not feasible.

RE: Boston letter to the Bureau, 11/12/74.

Bureau authority is requested to interview subject in accordance with
existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. Care will be
exercised to protect the original source in this matter. No direct questions will
be asked during the interview which will disclose to the subject the identity of
the official or the establishment contacted, the method used in the contact, or
the fact we are aware of the contact. The interview will be conducted in a
manner so that the subject will volunteer the details of the contact. If this
subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial
interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication will be directed
to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority
to recontact the subject as a potential security informant or double agent.

I. DONALD HOWARD MENZEL is employed as the Paine Professor
of Practical Astronomy, Emeritus & Professor of Astrophysics,
Emeritus, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., was born 11/4/01
at Florence, Colorado, and is a U.S. citizen.

II. MENZEL was married to FLORENCE ELIZABETH (KREAGER) on
6/17/26. She is not apparently employed.

III

IV. Boston files contain investigation concerning
acquaintance of MENZEL's in early 1950s, but no allegations
substantiated concerning any affiliations with CPUSA.

V. Unknown

VI. N/A

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VII. Although subject is 73 years old and employed in a non-sensitive capacity and has [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Boston notes his voluntary cooperation with the Bureau recently in SLA [REDACTED] kidnap and feels interview may [REDACTED]

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IX. Captioned subject will be contacted at his residence and advised that the Bureau, during the course of other interviews, has become aware of his recent travel to [REDACTED]

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-264611)

DATE: 2/7/75

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

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SUBJECT: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL
IS-CH

Re Bulet to Boston dated 1/3/75, captioned
as above.

On 2/4/75, captioned subject, 1010 Memorial
Drive, Cambridge, Mass. advised that he will be unavailable
for interview until the week of 2/17/75, at which time he
would be more than willing to discuss matters relating to
the Bureau's internal security responsibilities. MENZEL
was cooperative but pointed out that he has been interviewed
recently by the CIA concerning his PRC trip.

Boston will recontact MENZEL, 2/18/75 to arrange
an interview as authorized in re Bulet.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-264611)

DATE: 3/25/75

FROM : SAC, BOSTON [REDACTED] (C)

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SUBJECT: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL
IS - CH

Copy to State/CIA
by routing slip for
info action
date 6/4/75
by BTP/gw

Re WFO airtel to the Bureau, 6/5/74, captioned "DONALD H. MENZEL, Harvard College Observatory, Cambridge, Mass. 02138, IS-CH"; Boston letter to Bureau, 11/12/74, captioned "DONALD H. MENZEL, IS-CH"; and Bureau letter to Boston, 1/3/75, captioned as above.

Enclosed for Bureau are five (5) copies of an unclassified LHM containing the results of an interview conducted with MENZEL on 2/27/75. An information copy is also being enclosed for WFO, as well as referenced Boston letter, for completion of WFO file.

MENZEL was advised that the Bureau is not interested in his legitimate academic activities. He voluntarily furnished information concerning his travel to the Peoples Republic of China (PRC), since he has previously been interviewed by CIA in relation to this travel, and it was, therefore, unnecessary to employ a pretext in broaching the subject of his travel to the PRC.

MENZEL was cooperative during the course of the interview. However, he is in a semi-retired status. He is in the process of simultaneously preparing five (5) books for publication, and travels extensively in relation to his work. In light of these activities, MENZEL is extremely busy and additionally, [REDACTED]

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Boston is considering this matter closed.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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March 25, 1975

MRS DONALD HOWARD MENZEL

On February 27, 1974, Donald Howard Menzel, Paine Professor of Practical Astronomy, Emeritus, and Professor of Astrophysics, Emeritus, Harvard University, and who resides at 1010 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts, furnished the following information:

Menzel stated that he is the first American astronomer to receive a personal invitation to visit the Peoples Republic of China (PRC). In connection with this invitation, and after experiencing visa difficulties at the Liaison Office, PRC, Washington, D.C. concerning his wife, who was to accompany him, he cabled directly to the PRC and received a reply which extended an invitation to his wife.

In September, 1974, Menzel and his wife, Florence Elizabeth Kreager Menzel, departed Karachi, Pakistan, via air for Peking. During their one week stay in Peking, Menzel lectured at the Academy of Sciences on astronomy. He found it somewhat perturbing that his guide consistently introduced those in charge at various facilities as "chairmen of the revolution", but later surmised that this term could be interpreted as "business manager", as related to these individuals.

During the second week, they traveled via rail to Nanking, Shanghai and Canton. In each of these cities, Menzel had lecture commitments at various universities. They departed the PRC for Hong Kong via Canton-Kowloon Railroad.

Menzel commented parenthetically that he found the PRC favorable in comparison with travel in the Soviet Union. He found more freedom of movement, less restrictions, and a more cordial atmosphere exists in the PRC. In addition, he was surprised at the quality and quantity of consumer items available in various urban department stores; for example, hand-crafted musical instruments, radio parts, etc. He was

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DONALD HOWARD MENZEL

similarly impressed while visiting an elementary school, that the children were being taught soldering in connection with the assembly of radio sets.

Menzel was confronted by a dilemma which is illustrative of the extension of international political problems to other seemingly unrelated areas (in this case, the sciences).

As a member of the International Astronomical Union (IAU), Menzel is on the Committee on Lunar Nomenclature, the express purpose of which is to gather the names of prominent deceased international astronomers for subsequent placement on the surface of the moon. Thus far, the PRC has been reluctant to furnish these names since Taiwan is a member of the IAU and, therefore, the PRC refuses to join this organization.

Menzel stated that the only official representative of the PRC Government he had any dealings with were the two guides furnished by the travel service, and that there were no contacts made of himself or his wife that he might construe to be of an intelligence nature.

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PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS: All sections must be completed - Write none when applicable - Type or print all answers! If space not adequate for complete answers, attach a supplemental sheet to this form. All addresses must show Street Number, Street, City and State.

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle)

MENZEL, Donald Howard SF 5411 Q

2. OTHER NAMES (Include maiden name, if married woman)

Don

3. PRESENT ADDRESS

DATE

32 Hubbard Park, Cambridge, Mass.

4. ALL OTHER ADDRESSES FOR PAST 10 YEARS

DATE

4822 Rodman St. Washington, D. C.
1942 - 19433860 Rodman St., Washington, D. C.
1943 - 194532 Sheppard St., Cambridge, Mass.
1945 - 1946

5. DESCRIPTION (Check which)

☐ MALE☐ FEMALE

RACE

HEIGHT

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COLOR EYES

COLOR HAIR

white

6' 0"

180 lbs.

blue

gray

6. (Check which)

☐ SINGLE☐ DIVORCED☒ MARRIED☐ WIDOW(ER)

7. BIRTH DATE

DAY

MONTH

YEAR

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8. BIRTHPLACE (City, County, State and Country)

Florence, Marshall County, Colorado

9. CITIZENSHIP:

U. S. ☒ALIEN ☐

IF U. S. CITIZEN, INDICATE WHETHER:

a. BY BIRTH ☒c. BY NATURALIZATION ☐b. DERIVATIVE ☐

Petition No.

Date:

Date:

Date of Birth:

Certificate No.

Place of Birth:

Place:

IF ALIEN, INDICATE ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER

DATE

No

PORT OF ENTRY

10. DRAFT BOARD NO. AND ADDRESS WITH WHICH REGISTERED

No. not known

Phillips Brooks, Harvard University
House

11. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

470 - 30 - 1140

12. PERMANENT STATION AND ADDRESS IF NOW IN MILITARY SERV.

not applicable

12a. PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE

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EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM	TO (Yr.)	DEGREES
High School	Leadville, Colorado	1913	1916	
East High	Denver, Colorado	1916	1917	
Univ. of Denver	Denver, Colorado	1917	1921	AB, MA
Princeton Univ.	Princeton, N. J. - Newb	1921	1924	AM, PhD

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14. EMPLOYMENT (LIST ALL EMPLOYMENT DATES) GIVE NAME UNDER WHICH EMPLOYED IF DIFFERENT FROM NAME NOW USED.

DATE FROM TO	TYPE OF WORK	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	ADDRESS (where employed)
'38 -	research, teach	Harvard University ✓	Harvard College Observatory Cambridge, Mass.
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'26-'32	research	University of California	Lick Observatory, Mt. Hamilton, Calif. <i>CF</i>
'25-'26	research	Ohio State University	Columbus, Ohio <i>Pen</i>
'24-'25	research	University of Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa <i>Im</i>

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Foreign Countries Visited (Since 1930)

Holland, France, England, Ireland July - September, 1946
Scientific Conferences

France, England July - August, 1947
Scientific meetings in France

Holland, Switzerland, Germany, France July - September, 1948
Scientific meetings in Switzerland and inspect
observatories in Germany and France.

15. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (Since 1930) (Exclusive of military service)

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RET'D U.S.A.	PURPOSE
England, Denmark, Finland, USSR, Ger- many, Holland, France	April '36	Aug., '36	To observe total eclipse in USSR
France, Germany, Sweden, Norway, England	July. '38	Sep., '38	Scientific meetings in Sweden <i>see above</i>

16. ALL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP FOR PAST 15 YEARS (RELIGIOUS AND LABOR OPTIONAL)

NAME, ADDRESS, TYPE (Inclusive dates and any office held)

American Astrn. Soc. Councillor, Vice-president 1921 -
 American Assn. Adv. Science 1922 -
 American Assn. Var. Star Obs. 1919 -
 American Geophysical Union 1947 -
 American Academy Arts and Sciencies 1936 -
 American Philosophical Soc. 1939 -
 American Physical Soc. 1947 -
 Math. Assn. of America 1919 - 1922
 National Academy 1948
 International Astr. Union 1932 -
 Inter. Radio Scient. Union (URSI) 1946 -
 Natl. Geographic Soc. 1944 -
 Astron. Soc. of Pacific 1926 -
 Royal Astr. Society 1947 -
 Boy Scouts of America 1913 - 1932
 Bond Astron. Club 1932 -
 YMCA of Columbus, Ohio 1925 - 1926
 Harvard Club of N. Y. C. 1934 -
 Cambridge Historical Soc. 1936 - 1937
 Ann. Committee of Democracy 1937 (several months)
 Faculty Clubs at:
 University of Iowa 1924 - 1925
 Ohio State University 1925 - 1926
 University of California 1926 - 1932
 Harvard University 1932 -

Sigma Xi 1924 -
 Phi Beta Kappa 1945 -

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17. RELATIVES (Parents, Spouse, Divorced Spouse, Children, Brothers and Sisters, living or dead)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	AGE	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRES. CITIZENSHIP
Father	Charles Theodore Menzel		deceased	USA	USA
Mother	Ina Grace Zint			"	"
				USA	"
				USA	"
Wife	Florence Elizabeth Krenger	41	32 Hubbard Park, Cambridge, Mass.	USA	"
				USA	"
				USA	"

18. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you).

NAME	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
Mr. Sam H. Warner	2101 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C.	12
Mr. Paul Buck	Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.	15
Judge C. E. Kettering	County Court, Denver, Colorado	31

19. ARRESTS: (Include all arrests and fines other than minor traffic violations)

CHARGE	DATE	PLACE WHERE ARRESTED	DISPOSITION
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JUL 22 1949

Donner H. Mengel

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 9, 1949

AIR MAIL

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BOSTON

RE: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL - SF-5411

ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT
EMPLOYEE

Dear Sir:

*100. - Prefs but probably incorporated
in above file if not put. to indices*

You are instructed to conduct an immediate, thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, associations, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. The original and four copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau (original and two copies only of synopsis reports) by air mail unless ordinary mail is equally speedy, so as to reach the Bureau not later than 8/26/49.

Present address: 32 Hubbard Park, Cambridge, Mass.
Birthdate and birthplace: April 11, 1901, Florence, Colorado
Social Security Number: 470-30-1140
Firm to Employ and Position involved: Consultant,
University of California,
Los Alamos, New Mexico

NEWARK: Attended Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, 1921 to 1924, AM PhD.

OMAHA: Employed: Research for University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1925 from 1924.

CINCINNATI: Research for Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1925 to 1926.

SAN FRANCISCO: Employed: Research for University of California, Lick Observatory, Mt. Hamilton, California, 1926 to 1932.

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Very truly yours, 116-12989-2

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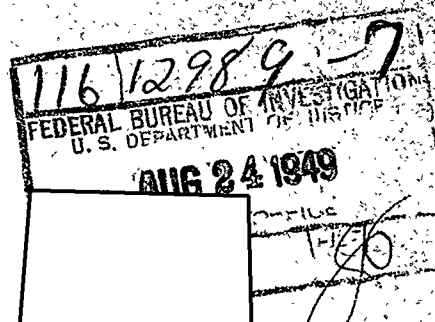
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FROM : SA JOSEPH A. OXLEY

SUBJECT: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL - SF - 5411
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DATE: 8-26-49

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At Jamestown, R. I.

HENRY N. RUSSELL, Professor Emeritus, Astronomy Department, Princeton University, Bayview Drive, advised that he had known Applicant since his student days at Princeton University, and has had frequent contact with him to date. He said he knew he occupied a highly confidential position with the U. S. Navy in Washington, and believed him capable of maintaining confidential information, inasmuch as he would never tell him what type of work he was performing with the Navy. Professor RUSSELL thought him to be very able, capable, intelligent, honest, dependable, and trustworthy. He stated he possessed an excellent reputation among all the people who knew him, and added that he would give him the highest recommendation for any position of trust and confidence.

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TO : MEMORANDUM FOR SAC, Att: [REDACTED]

DATE: August 29, 1949

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[REDACTED] Secretary, Corporation Office, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., advised her records showed applicant was born April 11, 1901. He received an A. B. Degree in 1920 and A. M. Degree in 1921 from the University of Denver; A.M. Degree in 1923 and PHD in 1924 from Princeton and an honorary A.M. Degree from Harvard University in 1942. He married FLORENCE KRAEBER. He was engaged as an Assistant Professor of Astronomy for three years commencing September 1, 1932 and September 1, 1935 was made an Associate Professor of Astronomy without limit and on the same date an Associate Professor of Astrophysics without limit. On September 1, 1937 he was made a tutor in the Division of Physical Sciences for one year and reappointed for another year September 1, 1938. On September 1, 1939 he was made Professor of Astrophysics and tutor in the Department of Astronomy without limit. On October 1, 1946 he was made Associate Director for Solar Research in the Harvard College Observatory and July 1, 1948 made a member of the Board of Syndies of the Harvard University Press for four years. He took a leave of absence from February 1, to July 1, 1943 which was extended from July 1, 1943 to November 5, 1945 for military service.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant's employment at Harvard University Observatory, Cambridge, Mass., verified. Residence at 32 Hubbard Park, Cambridge, Mass., also verified. Records at Harvard University reflect no evidence of disloyalty. Records of other governmental agencies checked and reflect applicant has been investigated previously but no positive evidences of disloyalty discovered. Applicant has admitted in past membership in "American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom" cited by HCUA as "subversive and un-American." Applicant's wife attended meeting of Mass. Chapter of National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions on 4/3/49. Confidential informants have advised that applicant is avaricious, selfish and possibly indiscreet; informants cannot advise that he is disloyal but point to close association with HARLOW SHAPIRY, FELIX CERNUSCHI, BART HOK and WALTER ORR ROBERTS, none of whom informants can recommend as loyal without qualification.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to Boston, dated August 9, 1949.
Bureau teletype to Boston, dated August 23, 1949, captioned "Donald H. Menzel aka, Army, LGE."

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DONALD HOWARD MENZEL - SF - 5411
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

Boston, Massachusetts
September 1, 1949

I. PERSONAL HISTORY

The following personal history of the applicant was obtained from a review of security questionnaires filed by him with various agencies of the Government.

DONALD HOWARD MENZEL was born in Florence, Marshall County, Colorado, on November 4, 1901. He is the son of the late CHARLES THEODORE MENZEL and the late INA GRACE MENZEL nee ZINT.

Boston Confidential Informant T-1, another governmental agency having jurisdiction in intelligence and security investigations, has advised that during the course of its investigation of the applicant, T-1 determined that MENZEL is a descendant of an old New England family, at least four generations in the United States, and of German origin on both sides. MENZEL, according to questionnaires completed by him, resided in Colorado until 1921. He attended high school at Leadville, Colorado, and Denver, Colorado. He attended the University of Denver and graduated with both an A.B. and an M.A. Degree in 1921. From 1921 to 1924, he was a student at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, and from the latter institution has received both an M.A. and a Ph.D. Degree. He received an honorary degree of Master of Arts from Harvard University in 1943. MENZEL was engaged in research work at the University of Iowa during the scholastic year 1924-1925; in similar work at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, from 1925-1926; in research work at the Lick Observatory, Mt. Hamilton, California, from 1926 to 1932. In September, 1932, he was engaged as an Assistant Professor of Astronomy at the Harvard University Observatory, Cambridge, Mass. He has been affiliated with the latter organization since that time with the exception of his years in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He was made an Associate Professor of Astronomy on September 1, 1935. On September 1, 1939, he was promoted to Professor of Astro-Physics. On October 1, 1945, he was made Associate Director for solar research in the Harvard University Observatory. Since July 1, 1948, he has been a member of the Board of Syndics of the Harvard University Press.

The Harvard Crimson of February 3, 1949, carried a news item, reflecting that the applicant was devoting his full time as Professor of Astro-Physics and Associate Director of the Harvard Observatory to work on Cosmic Rays with headquarters at Climax, Colorado.

The applicant married FLORENCE ELIZABETH KNEAGER, who was born on October 10, 1907, at Springfield, Mass. They have a permanent residence at 32 Hubbard Park, Cambridge, Mass.

The applicant visited the USSR between April, 1936 and August, 1936, in order to observe an eclipse at Ak Bulak, USSR. He has traveled throughout continental Europe in the summers of 1938, 1946, 1947, and 1948, in connection with his work as an astronomer.

Boston T-1 advised that the applicant obtained a reserve commission in the US Navy following completion of an ROTC course during his college years, as a student. He was called to active duty on February 1, 1943, and served until November 5, 1945, as a Lieutenant Commander. He is currently a Commander in the organized reserve of the U. S. Navy. During the war years, his services were used by the Navy in his own field of scientific research and also as a cryptographer.

Boston T-1 advised that Navy records will reflect that applicant's naval service has been an honorable and efficient one.

II. BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

The instant investigation is predicated upon a request from Confidential Informant WFO T-1, another governmental agency having investigative jurisdiction in personnel matters.

III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Employment

[redacted] is employed as secretary in the Corporation Office, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Records in [redacted] custody verified the applicant's employment at Harvard University as indicated above. A further review of these records revealed no information which would, in any way, reflect unfavorably upon the applicant's character, loyalty or associations.

Boston T-1, identified above, conducted security and personnel type of investigations of the applicant in 1941, 1945 and 1947. In connection therewith, Boston T-1 interviewed associates of the applicant at Harvard Observatory. Everyone so contacted by Boston T-1 recommended the applicant as loyal, of excellent character, and as a person who associated with people of high character.

Neighborhoods

Boston T-1, identified above, in connection with its described inquiries concerning the applicant's character, loyalty and associates, conducted neighborhood investigations concerning the applicant in Leadville, Colorado; Denver, Colorado; Princeton, New Jersey, and Cambridge, Massachusetts. No information which could be construed as derogatory in any respect was uncovered by Boston T-1.

References

[redacted] Provost, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, was not available for interview. [redacted] has been touring the western part of the United States and no forwarding address was available at his office at Harvard University.

HENRY N. RUSSELL, Professor Emeritus, Astronomy Department, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, advised that he had known the applicant since his student days at Princeton. Dr. RUSSELL stated that he has maintained a frequent series of contacts with the applicant. He recommended the applicant as honest, dependable, trustworthy, loyal and a person whose associates were above question. Dr. RUSSELL was interviewed at Bayview Drive, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

Organizational Affiliations

The applicant in his security questionnaire claimed membership in the "American Committee of Democracy" in the year 1937, for several months. He did not reflect membership in such group in a questionnaire filed with Confidential Informant WFO T-1. "The American Committee of Democracy" is unknown to informants of the Boston Office.

In forms completed for Boston T-1, the applicant admitted membership in the "American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom."

Boston T-2, of known reliability, who refused to execute a signed statement or to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, has advised that in 1941, the applicant was a member of the National Executive Committee of the "American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom." The latter organization has been cited by the HCUA as a Communist front and was further cited by the Special Committee of the House Committee on Appropriations in a report, dated April 21, 1943, at page 3, as "subversive and un-American."

In an investigation completed for Boston T-1, reference was made to applicant affiliation in 1942 or earlier with the "Soviet Amity Society." Boston T-1 could not determine that such a society existed at the time it

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conducted its investigation of the applicant. It has more recently come to the conclusion that the applicant may well have meant the "National Council of American-Soviet Friendship" or one of its predecessor organizations. The named organization has been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835. In its investigation of the applicant in 1947, Boston T-1 could not determine that the applicant was then associated with said organization.

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Associations

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Boston T-3 is of known reliability, a person of professional standing, and one who has been associated with the applicant in his scientific work. Boston T-3 refuses to execute a signed statement or to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

Boston T-3 asserted that the applicant is a competent scientist whose personal loyalty to the country the informant would not question. The informant notes, however, that the applicant is avaricious and selfish; that he has a great desire to accumulate money and honor. Boston T-3 believes that the latter characteristics are so strong as to constitute a weakness in the applicant's character structure. Boston T-3 further stated that he would be reluctant to place the applicant in a position wherein the security of the country might be at stake because of applicant's close association over a period of years with the following individuals: Dr. HARLOW SHAPLEY, Dr. BART BOE, Dr. FELIX CERNUSCHI, and Dr. WALTER ORR ROBERTS. Boston T-3 has been closely associated with each of the latter individuals and regards each one of them to be at least a strong Soviet sympathizer.

Boston T-4 is of known reliability, a person of professional standing and has been closely associated with the applicant and other administrators at the Harvard University Observatory. Boston T-4 is unwilling to execute a signed statement or to testify before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

The comments concerning the applicant made by Boston T-3, were corroborated by Boston T-4. Boston T-4 believes that it would be possible to tempt the applicant with money and thus cause him to reveal something that he was pledged not to reveal.

Boston T-5 is of known reliability and has been a close, personal and business associate of HARLOW SHAPLEY. Boston T-5 refuses to execute a signed statement or to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

Boston T-5 was advised by BART JAN BOE, Assistant Director of the Harvard Observatory in early January, 1947, that the applicant was

"extremely ambitious to acquire money and will do anything he can to acquire it."

In view of the references to SHAPLEY, BOK, ROBERTS and GERSHUSCHI made by Boston T-3 above, the following summary data concerning each is being set forth below:

HARLOW SHAPLEY is employed as Director of the Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, Mass. He is the applicant's superior and, according to Boston Confidential Informants T-3 and T-4, they are closely associated professionally and socially. Boston Confidential Informant T-4 has identified SHAPLEY as the National Chairman of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. The latter organization has been cited by the "Senate Fact-finding Committee on Un-American Activities" of the California Legislature as a Communist front. HARLOW SHAPLEY has been the National Chairman of the Science Division of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship; a member of the Board of Directors of the American Russian Institute at New York City; a sponsor nationally of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; and the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. Each of the last four named organizations has been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

With reference to the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, it is noted that this organization, with SHAPLEY presiding, presented a "Cultural and Scientific Conference for Peace" at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City on March 25-27, 1949. The New York Times of March 17, 1949, quotes Assistant Secretary of State GEORGE B. ALLEN as labeling the latter conference as a Communist propaganda effort.

DAVE JAN BOK is employed as Assistant Director of the Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, Mass. Boston T-3 has identified BOK in recent years, as an active and leading member of the American Association of Scientific Workers, which organization the informant knows to be Communist infiltrated.

Boston T-3 further advised that BOK has been a sponsor for various events sponsored by the American Youth for Democracy and was associated as a Faculty Member with the Samuel Adams School for Social Studies. Each of the last two named organizations has been declared by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Boston T-4 has further provided information reflecting that BOK in 1946, attempted to aid NORMAN VEALL and ISRAEL HALPERIN, said persons having been indicted by a Canadian Royal Commission for violation of the Canadian Official Secrets Act, following allegations made by [redacted] former code clerk at the Russian Embassy, Ottawa, Canada. Both of these individuals were subsequently acquitted.

Boston T-3 also advised that in September, 1947, BOK claimed that he was denied a passport by the U. S. Department of State for spurious security reasons.

FELIX CERNUSCHI was until 1946, a member of the Staff of the Harvard Observatory. In that year, he returned to his native Argentina.

Boston Confidential Informant T-6, who is of known reliability, and who refuses to execute a signed statement or to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, has identified CERNUSCHI as a member of the Communist Political Association in 1945.

Boston T-4 has identified CERNUSCHI as a member of the Faculty of the above-described Samuel Adams School until his departure from the United States in 1946.

The Communist Political Association has been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Boston Confidential Informant T-7 is of known reliability, and is also closely associated with the affairs of the Harvard Observatory. T-7 refuses to execute a signed statement or to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board. Boston T-7 advised that he was present in early December, 1946, when the applicant recommended CERNUSCHI for employment as a teacher in this country to a person not known to the informant.

WALTER ORR ROBERTS is employed as the Director of the Harvard Observatory at Cimarron, Colorado. Boston T-5, T-4 and T-7 have each advised that ROBERTS is a frequent critic of the Foreign Policy of the United States while simultaneously praising the conflicting foreign policy of the Soviet Union.

Boston T-8 of known reliability, who refuses to execute a signed statement or to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, is another who is closely associated with the personnel at the Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, Mass.

Boston T-8 advised that ROBERTS has been an enthusiastic supporter of the extra-curricular activities engaged in by HARLOW SHAPLEY and referred to above. ROBERTS was a sponsor of the "Peace Conference" described in that paragraph dealing with SHAPLEY above.

Boston T-7 advised that Mrs. MENZEL had been invited to attend a luncheon to be given by BART BOK on March 12, 1947, honoring the visiting delegation of Russian Astronomers to the Harvard Observatory. The informant did not know whether Mrs. MENZEL attended the luncheon but did know that Mrs. MENZEL was interested in whether Mrs. GREGORI SHAJN had been invited to the luncheon as she, Mrs. MENZEL, wanted to send something over with Mrs. SHAJN. T-7 advised that he does not know whether Mrs. MENZEL attended the luncheon nor what she wanted to send over with Mrs. SHAJN.

T-7 advised that Mrs. GREGORI SHAJN is the wife of GREGORI SHAJN, the leader of a group of 9 Russian astronomers who arrived at New York City October 16, 1946 upon the invitation of HARLOW SHAPLEY to study astronomy. This group returned to Russia about April 14, 1947.

On 3-23-49 Confidential Informant T-7 advised that he learned from BART BOK that the latter planned to introduce one PIET HEIN, visiting Danish astronomer, to MENZEL, so that the two men might confer on V-Rockets. T-7 stated that HEIN had planned to attend the "Peace Conference" described above.

Boston Confidential Informant T-8, described above, advised that sometime during Jan. 1948 he learned that SHAPLEY requested MENZEL to attend a small private luncheon for the British Nobel Prize Winner, P. M. BLACKETT. T-8 advised that SHAPLEY told him BLACKETT was a member of the British Communist Party.

The New York Times in a book review appearing in its issue of Feb. 13, 1949, described P. M. BLACKETT's book, "Fear War and the Bomb", as the best defense and explanation of the Russian viewpoint on the control of atomic energy.

Boston Confidential Informants T-3 and T-4 noted that Mrs. MENZEL was present at a meeting of the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions held at the Harvard Observatory Lounge on April 3, 1949. The principal speaker at this meeting was OLAF STAPLEDON, British delegate to the "Peace Conference" of March 25-27, 1949. HARLOW SHAPLEY presided. The informants state that STAPLEDON made no comments which could be construed as subversive.

In his Personnel Security Questionnaire, the applicant revealed that he had traveled to Russia in 1936, in order to observe an eclipse at Ak Bulak. The applicant together with a [redacted] prepared an article titled "Eclipse in Ak Bulak", appearing in The Technology Review, Volume 39, Number 1 for November 1936, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. The article reveals some of the incidents which occurred on the expedition and states in response to alleged questions that the lot of the scientists in the Soviet Union in 1936 was one of a serene and happy life. He states he saw no evidences of police brutality, repressive measures, etc.

It is further noted that this article reflects that on this trip the applicant was associated with Russian Astronomer P. B. GERASIMOVIC, at that time the director of a Soviet observatory.

The Harvard Crimson for January 6, 1948, carried a news item reflecting that the applicant had won the Cressy Morrison Prize for a treatise on Astronomy. It paid \$500.00. The Crimson story stated that he had won this prize on three earlier occasions and in 1928, shared with an associate at the Harvard Observatory named P. B. GERASIMOVIC.

Credit

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 52 Chauncy Street, Boston, Mass., were checked with reference to the applicant and no information was reflected which is pertinent to the instant inquiry.

Criminal

The records of the Massachusetts State Board of Probation, Boston, Mass., which is a central clearing house for all criminal arrest records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, reflected that the applicant was arrested for a traffic violation on November 23, 1945. He was charged in Roxbury District Court with driving an automobile which failed to have a required safety inspection sticker. He paid a fine of \$3.00.

Bases upon information furnished an applicant print was located on one Donald Howard Menzel from the Federal Communications Commission; birth date, April 11, 1901 in Florence, Colorado; residence in August, 1940, 32 Hubbard Park, Cambridge, Massachusetts. A search of this print through the criminal files of the Identification Division of the FBI failed to disclose any record of the above subject.

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Administrative Sheet

March 12, 1947, at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. MENZEL inquired as to whether Mrs. GREGORI SHAJN would be present as Mrs. MENZEL had something she wanted to send over with Mrs. SHAJN. Mrs. MENZEL also evinced an interest in the length of the Russian group's stay in the United States.

Association with Dr. EDWARD U. CONDON

The Washington Field Office by letter addressed to the Bureau under date of November 8, 1947, advised that, according to Time Magazine, dated January 12, 1948, one WINFIELD SALISBURY was a co-worker of Dr. MENZEL. Washington Field, through Confidential Informant [redacted] identified SALISBURY as a close associate of Dr. EDWARD U. CONDON. (This letter will be found in Bureau File 100-205955.)

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Confidential Informant Boston T-3 advised that he learned from HARLOW SHAPLEY on March 11, 1948, that MENZEL had discussed the Dr. EDWARD U. CONDON case with Senator EDWIN CARL JOHNSON of Colorado, in an apparent effort to aid CONDON in his then difficulties with the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Boston T-4 furnished on August 29, 1949, a Harvard College Observatory "Gossip Sheet" prepared and distributed for the personnel at the Harvard Observatory by HARLOW SHAPLEY. The Boston Office has a copy of this item which is dated August, 1949. The Sheet reflects that during July, 1949, Dr. MENZEL had been on a fishing trip with Dr. EDWARD U. CONDON, among others. The extent of MENZEL's personal associations with CONDON, beyond the foregoing, are not known in Boston.

Miscellaneous Contacts

Boston T-7 advised on January 30, 1947, and has advised on other occasions that the applicant is a close associate of Captain [redacted] USNR. [redacted] resides at the Metropolitan Club, New York City, is a member of the Harvard Corporation, and is known to have arranged luncheon appointments for the applicant with such Naval personalities as Admiral LEAHY and CHESTER NIMITZ.

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Confidential Informant T-7 advised on March 23, 1949, that he learned from BART BOK that the latter planned to introduce one PIET HEIN, visiting Danish astronomer, to MENZEL, so that the two men might confer on V-rockets. From the same source, it was learned at about the same time, that HEIN planned to attend the "Peace Conference" described above, but was advised by unidentified parties that such action might result in his U. S. visa being canceled.

Boston T-3 advised on January 26, 1948, that HARLOW SHAPLEY requested MENZEL to be available for a small, private luncheon to be given on the following Wednesday to British Nobel Prize Winner P. M. BLACKETT. SHAPLEY identified BLACKETT to the same informant, as a member of the British Communist Party. On the occasion of that visit to the United States, BLACKETT made a speech in Cambridge, Mass., which amounted to a summary of his subsequently published book entitled "Fear War And The Bomb."

The New York Times in a book review appearing in its issue of February 13, 1949, described the latter book as the best defense and explanation of the Russian viewpoint on the control of atomic energy.

Boston Confidential Informants T-3 and T-4 noted that Mrs. MENZEL was present at a meeting of the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions held at the Harvard Observatory Lounge on April 3, 1949. The principal speaker at this meeting was OLAF STAPLEDON, British delegate to the "Peace Conference" of March 25-27, 1949. HARLOW SHAPLEY presided. The informants state that STAPLEDON made no comments which could be construed as subversive.

Applicant's Attitude Towards Security Clearances

The Bureau's attention is directed to a letter from Boston, dated June 13, 1949, and captioned "HARLOW SHAPLEY, INTERNAL SECURITY - R." This letter reports in detail a conversation which occurred on June 5, 1949, between the applicant and SHAPLEY. A review of this conversation will reveal that the following conclusions might well be found to be warranted: (1) that the applicant's primary interest in obtaining clearance is to have access to secret information for use in his own scientific work; (2) that the applicant knows or has reason to know that his associates, SHAPLEY and ROBERTS would not be likely to gain a clearance if they sought one; (3) that he hopes if he obtains access to classified information to work for its more speedy declassification.

Boston T-1 is the Office of Naval Intelligence, Fargo Building, South Boston, Mass.

Washington Field Office T-1 is the Civil Service Commission in accordance with directions set forth in Bureau letter, dated August 16, 1949, in the ICE case on this applicant.

Boston T-2 is a highly confidential source having access to the records of the named organization and contacted by Special Agent HOWARD B. FLETCHER at New York City in the Fall of 1941.

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Boston T-4 is [redacted]

Boston T-5 is [redacted] who reported this information in a conversation between BART BOK and ISADOR AMUR, occurring on January 9, 1947.

Boston T-6 is a highly confidential source having access to the records of the Communist Political Association, contacted by Special Agent LAWRENCE G. HEALEY, Et Al., on February 5, 1945.

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Boston T-8 is [redacted]

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The interview with Dr. RUSSELL was conducted by Special Agent JOSEPH A. OXLEY.

The interview with [redacted] at Harvard University was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

The efforts to locate [redacted] were made by Special Agent [redacted]

No neighborhood investigations additional to those conducted by the Navy were instituted in view of the frequency with which this organization has canvassed the neighbors.

ONI interviewed the associates of the applicant at the Harvard Observatory with negative results. According to existing informants, the applicant's closest associates at the Observatory are also subjects of pending or closed security investigations in Boston. It was not felt that there was anything to be gained by interviewing these people.



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO.

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AIR MAIL

SAC, BOSTON

RE: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL-SF-5411

ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT (X)
EMPLOYEE ()

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct an immediate, thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, associations, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. The original and four copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau (original and two copies only of synopsis reports) by air mail unless ordinary mail is equally speedy, so as to reach the Bureau not later than . . .

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ATTENTION: Retyped pages 7 and 8 of report of SA [redacted] dated 9-1-49 on above captioned individual attached herewith.

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Rebutel February 6, 1950. Enclosed herewith
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AIR MAIL

SAC, BOSTON

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ATOMIC ENERGY ACT APPLICANT

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Reference is made to the amended report of SA [redacted] dated 9-1-49. Please place the caption RUC at the end of page 8 and head page 9 with the subheading "Administrative Page."

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Boston

DATE: May 23, 1950.

FROM : E. J. McCABE, ASAC

SUBJECT: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL - SF - 5411

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Boston Files: 116-12968 ✓

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SA [] today, as a result of a telephonic appointment, interviewed [] who identified himself as a representative of the Secretary for Air, and [] Chairman of the Air Force Loyalty Hearing Board, who ^{were} ~~was~~ interested in obtaining additional information from our files concerning DONALD HOWARD MENZEL, whose case is apparently under consideration by the Loyalty Board.

[] stated that he had noted that on page 4 of the report of SA [] dated Boston, Mass., Sept. 1, 1949, in the case of DONALD HOWARD MENZEL - SF - 5411, AEA-A, information concerning MENZEL is furnished by confidential informants T-3 and T-4. He stated that from this report it appeared that T-3 was associated with the applicant in his scientific work, but that no statement of a similar nature was made concerning T-4.

[] advised that the Air Force Hearing Board was interested in obtaining information concerning the associations of T-3 and T-4 with MENZEL in order to determine how much credibility could be placed in their statements. He was interested in determining if T-3 had been or is presently employed with MENZEL at Harvard Observatory.

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[] stated that he appreciated the fact that we could not disclose the identity of these informants, but he was anxious to obtain any additional information that he could, in order to determine how much weight could be placed on their testimony.

[] informed [] and [] that he was not free to disclose any additional information and doubted that any additional information could be made available, but suggested that he call the office about 11 a.m. on May 24, 1950 and make an appointment to discuss it with ~~him~~ you.

A review of the files reflects that it will be very difficult to give any additional information concerning these informants, [] to the Air Force representatives without practically disclosing the identity of the informants.

Mr. BELMONT of the Bureau was telephonically advised of the inquiry and informed that we do not contemplate giving any information in addition to that already made available to the Air Force. Mr. BELMONT stated that he will look into the matter and advise.

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RE: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL - SF - 5411
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[redacted] who had papers to show his affiliation with the National Military Establishment and his assignment as a member of the Loyalty Security Hearing Board in the capacity of an examiner, called at this office in connection with the above-named individual.

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[redacted] stated they were most anxious to obtain a copy of the questionnaire referred to in the last paragraph on Page 3 of the report of SA [redacted] dated at Boston, Mass. 9/1/49, if at all possible, since that would appear to indicate he listed his association with the "SOVIET AMITY SOCIETY". Agent [redacted] discussed this last evening with Commander [redacted] ONI, who indicated a willingness at that time to make anything available in their files to [redacted]

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In checking his files this morning, and in conversation with [redacted] Commander [redacted] stated they had no record of the questionnaire, and in a subsequent conversation with me indicated a check of their files reveals reference to the matter reported in the last paragraph of Page 3 and the first paragraph, Page 4, reference report, and although there is no questionnaire in their files he stated the information could be attributable to another Naval District. For this reason he wanted to get in touch with Agent [redacted] so that it could be reconciled and the basis for it determined, which has been arranged for today.

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This was made known to [redacted] at 11:15 AM today on the occasion of my call to report to him additional information which he requested, namely, his interest in determining if T-3 was connected with the college or other university and the same for T-4. He did not want any specific information as to the branch of the University to which they were attached, but merely something to add to their status since the comments attributable to them will be in contrast with outstanding witnesses that Menzel is calling on his behalf. He informed me such information would not identify them since there are over 2000 professors and associate professors affiliated with the University, which is correct, but he did want this additional confirmation if our files disclose this fact. He is thoroughly familiar with our regulations and our desire to maintain in confidence our sources. He felt, however, this would be necessary information on informants T-3 and T-4 for the Board to give consideration to their position, especially when it will be necessary to counter-balance testimony which will be given by his witnesses, individuals of outstanding background and reputation.

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It is for his use and the use of the Board in determining their findings and is not intended to be used to cross examine witnesses who will appear on behalf of the defendant.

It was apparent no harm would be done in giving [redacted] additional information, the substance of which will be recorded later. He impressed me as being intensely interested in making the strongest possible case against this person, anticipating considerable reaction in the event the Board makes a finding recommending his dismissal.

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It is for this reason he was desirous of fortifying his record as much as possible during the course of the hearings.

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[redacted] was called at 11:15 am in accordance with his request and told that Boston T-3 was affiliated with the University and the other remarks appearing in the report with regard to this individual were the same. With regard to T-4 he was advised he was not presently affiliated with the University but was an outstanding scientist and recognized in the professional field, with wide acquaintance among the members of the science profession. He was informed this was the only additional information which could be given him with regard to the identity of the informants, which seemed to fully satisfy him.

As indicated above, he was told that inquiry regarding the questionnaire would be made and every effort made to satisfy his request for further information with regard to this matter.

E.A. SOUCY, SAC

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DONALD HOWARD MENZEL - SF-5411
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] in the above entitled case at Boston dated September 1, 1949.

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The Army-Navy-Airforce Loyalty Hearing Board is currently conducting a hearing on this case at the Cambridge Field Station, 230 Albany Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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[redacted] of the above Board, an employee or affiliate of the Airforce, personally contacted the Boston Division in an effort to ascertain more definitely than the report indicated the reliability of Confidential Informants T-3 and T-4 in said report. He was given assurance of the reliability of these informants by [redacted] but it was not possible to specifically answer one question he had with reference to the informants in question. [redacted] wanted to know whether or not these informants were employed at the Harvard Observatory. An affirmative answer might well have disclosed their identities and he accepted [redacted] explanation that the informants were reliable.

[redacted] also requested a recheck of the information set forth in the last paragraph on page three of the report. [redacted] stated that the applicant admitted having addressed a meeting of the NCASF in New York but denied having ever formally joined the organization.

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A review of the files of ONI, Boston, by that agency, reflected that investigation had disclosed the affiliation but that his questionnaire completed for the Navy Department did not contain an admission of affiliation as indicated in the referenced report.

Accordingly, amended pages concerning the pertinent paragraph have been prepared. [redacted] has requested that these be forwarded to his board as quickly as possible inasmuch as the Hearing Board will complete its work within the next two or three days.

The amended page has been substituted at Boston.

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~~SECRET~~
DONALD HOWARD MENZEL, Aka, "DON"
Consultant - Applicant
Cambridge Field Station
Department of the Army
Cambridge, Massachusetts
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

By letter dated July 18, 1949, a preliminary inquiry was instituted upon receipt of the Loyalty Form for Menzel. Bureau files reflect a letter from the Boston Office dated June 13, 1949, captioned "Harlow Shapley, Internal Security - R," Boston file 100-16321, which reflects that Donald Menzel is one of the principal associates of Harlow Shapley. (100-341825-212)

A letter from the Boston Office to the Bureau captioned "Donald H. Menzel, Espionage - R," Boston file 100-18294, reflects that Menzel was elected to the National Executive Committee of the "American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom in 1941. This letter and a subsequent report submitted under the character Security Matter - C, relating to Menzel, reflects that a confidential informant of the Boston Office advised that Menzel was associated with Harlow Shapley, Bart Bok and Walter Orr Roberts at the Harvard Observatory. It was pointed out that each of these individuals was the subject of security investigations. A report dated January 10, 1949, from the Boston Office in the Menzel case reflected that the latter had recommended Felix Cernuschi for a teaching position in a local University. It was pointed out that Cernuschi had been identified by an informant as a member of the Professional Section of the Communist Party in 1945. (100-346651-1, 2)

By letter dated November 13, 1942, captioned "Congress of American-Soviet Friendship, Internal Security - C," New York file 100-39062, the New York Office advised that Confidential Informant [redacted] had furnished a report dated November 9, 1942, pertaining to panels and events sponsored by the subject organization which held a two-day session on November 7 and 8, 1942, at the Hotel New Yorker. Apparently in connection with one of the panels, the informant advised that Dr. Donald Menzel, Professor of Astrophysics, Harvard University, made a short talk. He is said to have urged closer ties between Russia and America. (100-146964-14)

A report dated April 25, 1947, in Boston file 100-18473, captioned "Gregory P. B. [redacted] 1," reflects that Mrs. Donald Menzel gave a luncheon honoring four of the Russian scientists reportedly invited to the United States by Dr. Shapley. (100-147585-8, p. 10)

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☆ A letter from the El Paso Office dated May 3, 1948, captioned "CHURCH Internal Security - R," points out that a report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 1, 1947, in the Walter Orr Roberts case reflects that one [redacted] stated that Roberts had the same political ideas as Donald Menzel and Harlow Shapley of Harvard University.

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The Civil Service Commission has now requested a loyalty investigation based upon information contained in the files of the Commission which reflects a photostatic copy of an original letterhead of the "American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom," 519 West 121st Street, New York, New York, dated March 25, 1942, on which the name of Professor Donald H. Mensel appears as a member of the National Committee of that organization. The Commission further pointed out that the "American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom" had been cited as a Communist front which defended Communist teachers by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

In view of the request from the Commission, a full field investigation should be conducted. The Boston Office will set out the basis as a specific request from the Commission whose identity should be appropriately concealed by a temporary informant symbol. It is suggested that the Boston Office refer to the Commission as a Temporary Confidential Informant, WFO T-1, and that the Washington Field Office also use the same temporary informant symbol in referring to the Commission. The Boston Office should also include under the basis any additional information available to that Office of a disloyal nature pertaining to Mensel.

The Washington Field Office will check the appropriate Government records, including ONI and IDA. Buded September 16, 1949.

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July 18, 1949

SAC, Boston

RE: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL
Consultant - Applicant
Cambridge Field Station
Department of the Army
Cambridge, Massachusetts
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct a full field investigation () a preliminary inquiry (X) concerning the above named individual. This investigation is to be assigned immediately and the results mailed to reach the Bureau by July 28, 1949.

Attached for your assistance is a photostatic copy of the Request for Report on Loyalty Data furnished to the Bureau on this individual.

The Bureau files contain the following information regarding this person:
Reference is made to the Boston Office file number 100-11294 entitled "Donald Menzel - Security Matter - C." A review of this file reflects Menzel has associated with reported Communists, is a close associate of Harlow Shapley and was a member of the American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom. It is further noted that the Boston Office has an extensive file on Menzel but this file has not been reviewed by this Bureau because it was not deemed advisable previous to the receipt of this Loyalty Form to show any investigative interest in Menzel on the part of the Bureau. (100-346651)

The American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities on March 29, 1944.

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CC-Washington Field Office
New York City, New York

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Boston Office is requested to conduct a discreet preliminary inquiry to ascertain if there is additional disloyal information available regarding Mensel sufficient to warrant a full field investigation under the provisions of Executive Order 9835. If sufficient disloyal information is developed to warrant a full field investigation it should be instituted. The Bureau and other interested field offices should be notified by teletype.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 14, 1942 at New York City entitled "Congress of American-Soviet Friendship - Internal Security - C" NYC file 100-39062. This report sets forth on page 13 that Donald H. Mensel, Professor at Harvard University, was to be one of the speakers at the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship held in New York City on November 7 and 8, 1942. (100-146964-13)

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In the event of conversion the Washington Field Office should make the necessary agency checks.

Mensel has made application for a "sensitive" position with the United States Government. If a full field loyalty investigation is not instituted by the Boston Office then the Bureau should be furnished with a complete summary of all the available disloyal information in the files of the Boston Office regarding captioned individual as well as the results of your preliminary inquiry.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (AMSD)

DATE: July 29, 1949

FROM : SAC, Boston

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SUBJECT: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL
 Consultant - Applicant
 Cambridge Field Station
 Department of the Army
 Cambridge, Massachusetts
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

ReBulet dated July 18, 1949 under this caption.

In accordance with instructions contained therein, the Boston Division has conducted additional and discreet inquiry in an effort to determine whether or not there is additional disloyal information available regarding MENZEL, sufficient to warrant a full-field investigation under the provisions of Executive Order #9835.

The file on the Applicant at Naval Intelligence was reviewed. An extensive investigation was conducted by this agency into the Applicant's background activities and associates at the time that he was commissioned in the Navy in 1941. In his application for a commission, MENZEL admitted his association with the "American Committee For Democratic and Intellectual Freedom" and with the "American Soviet Amity Committee." He described both groups as "patriotic organizations." Investigation by the U. S. Navy in Boston and at other points in the United States, where the Applicant has maintained permanent or temporary residence, failed to develop any derogatory information and it appeared to the Naval investigators that he had been affiliated with both groups without cognizance of their Communist ramifications.

The Appointee was investigated again by the U. S. Navy in 1943, when he was being cleared for work with the Naval office of Scientific Research and Development. The second investigation went over the ground covered by the first and no affirmative evidence of disloyalty was uncovered.

The Navy received from the Bureau, at the Seat of Government, the substance of Boston letter to the Bureau, dated September 26, 1946, and captioned "DONALD HOWARD MENZEL, Espionage - R, Refer 5 I.S." Copies of Bureau's communications were furnished by the Navy Department to the DIO, Boston, and in turn by the latter to the Army. Both of agencies proceeded to reinvestigate MENZEL but developed no information additional to that previously set forth in the Boston file. *DED. 67* *11/21-1908-3*

[Redacted] have been recontacted and can provide no information additional to that previously reported. In the opinion of these informants, the Appointee may be indiscreet but he is not disloyal. They are not in a position to competently pass upon his ability to retain a confidence,

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since they are not acquainted with the exact classification of work in which he is involved.

Confidential Informant [] has only provided that information set forth in Boston letter to the Bureau dated June 13, 1949, and entitled "HARLOW SHAPLEY, Internal Security - R, AEC Clearance for Personnel at Harvard Observatory." Since the latter item predates the above referenced letter it is presumed that the Bureau was cognizant of it at the time the referenced letter of July 18, 1949 was prepared.

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 52 Chauncy St., Boston, Mass., and the Massachusetts Board of Probation and Parole, Suffolk County Court House, Boston, which is the central repository for all criminal arrest records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, were checked and no information pertinent to the instant inquiry was uncovered.

In view of the failure of the investigative efforts of this organization, the ONI and IDA, to uncover any affirmative evidence of disloyalty, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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MEMORANDUM

August 16, 1949

RE: DAVID HOWARD MENZEL, aka "Don"
Consultant - Applicant
Cambridge Field Station
Department of the Army
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Reliable information has been received, which reflects that the name of Professor Donald H. Menzel, Harvard University, appeared on the letterhead of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom in New York in 1941. Menzel is said to have recommended for a position an individual who was reported to have been a member of the Communist Party in 1945.

(CSC and let from Boston dated 7-29-49)

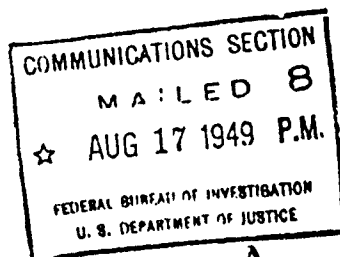
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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

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RE: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL, aka, "DON"
Consultant - Applicant
Cambridge Field Station
Department of the Army
Cambridge, Massachusetts

LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Your case serial number: 14917049

Dear Sir:

Returned herewith is the material which you made available to this
Bureau in requesting an investigation of the captioned individual.

A loyalty investigation (X)
An appropriate inquiry ()

has been instituted, the results of

which will be furnished you upon completion.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *WVH*
FROM : R. W. WALL *Law*
SUBJECT: DAVID HOWARD MENZEL, Aka, "DON"
Consultant - Applicant
Cambridge Field Station
Department of the Army
Cambridge, Massachusetts
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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PURPOSE:

To recommend opening of a full field investigation.

BACKGROUND:

A preliminary inquiry was opened upon receipt of a "Sensitive" Loyalty Form for Menzel. Bureau files reflect that Menzel was a member of National Executive Committee of the American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom in 1941. The American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom has been cited by the HCUA on three occasions. Menzel is reported to be a close associate of Dr. Harlow Shapley and to be very loyal to Shapley who is the subject of an Internal Security - R case. He is said to also be associated with Bart Bok and Walter Orr Roberts who are subjects of security investigations. Menzel, according to a confidential informant, recommended for a teaching position Felix Cernuschi who was identified in 1945 as a member of the Communist Party.

According to the Boston Office, the Navy in January, 1949, was continuing to conduct an extensive inquiry as to the activities of Menzel, who is a Commanding Officer in the Naval Reserve Unit in Boston, charged with all code matters. His close association with Harlow Shapley was said to have caused the Navy grave concern and the Navy has recommended that Menzel be assigned a position of less importance to the National Defense. The Navy in Boston has reported that Menzel apparently has a "large drag" at Headquarters in Washington, D. C., inasmuch as he continues his activities in the Reserve Unit.

Boston has advised that Menzel has been engaged in work on cosmic rays with the Army and Navy and is considered to be a prominent scientist.

By letter dated November 13, 1942, the New York Office advised that information had been received from Confidential Informant [] that Dr. Donald Menzel, Harvard University, had attended a meeting sponsored by the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship and made a short speech at this meeting.

The applicant's wife is said to have given a luncheon in honor of four of the nine Russian scientists who were reportedly invited to the United States through the influence of Dr. Shapley in 1946.

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The Civil Service Commission has now requested a loyalty investigation concerning the appointee. The Commission's request is based upon information contained in the files of the Commission which indicates that a photostatic copy of an original letterhead of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, 519 West 121st Street, New York, New York, contained the name of Professor Donald H. Menzel, Harvard University.

STATUS:

Preliminary inquiry being converted to full field by attached letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter requesting a loyalty investigation be sent to the field and a full field investigation be conducted on the basis of the Civil Service Commission request.

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Secretary of Defense
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Re: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL
APPLICANT FOR POSITION AS CONSULTANT
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
CONTRACTOR TO THE ATOMIC ENERGY
COMMISSION, LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

Dear Louis:

Reference is made to the reports on the above individual reflecting an applicant-type investigation which were forwarded to you on February 10, 1950. Your specific attention is invited to the report of Special Agent Don W. Walters dated September 14, 1949, at Denver, Colorado, page four, which reflects an interview with [redacted] General Manager, Climax Molybdenum Company, 603 Midland Savings Building, Denver, Colorado. [redacted] recently advised that he meant to say the applicant was not opposed to the teaching of all ideologies and political philosophies in our school system whether Communism, Fascism, Nazism, or whatever they may be rather than the statement he made to the effect that the applicant was not opposed to the teaching of Communism and Communistic principles in our school system.

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The above information is for your confidential use only and should not be distributed outside your agency.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Director, FBI

Re: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL, aka "Don"
Consultant - Applicant
Cambridge Field Station
Department of the Army
Cambridge, Massachusetts
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Dear Sir:

Rerep SA DON W. WALTERS dated September 14, 1949, at
Denver, Colorado.

[redacted] Vice President and General
Manager of the Climax Molybdenum Company, Denver, Colorado,
telephonically contacted Assistant Special Agent in Charge RAYMOND
J. BRANDT of the Denver Office, and advised that Doctor MENZEL had
been in his office requesting [redacted] to furnish his attorney
with a statement relative to information [redacted] had furnished
this office concerning Doctor MENZEL in connection with the above-
referenced investigation made of MENZEL.

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[redacted] advised that he had also received a letter
requesting his presence at a hearing relative to MENZEL, which
hearing was to be held in Massachusetts on May 28, 1950. [redacted]
[redacted] stated that business commitments made it impossible for
him to attend.

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[redacted] further advised that he had informed MENZEL
a statement to MENZEL's attorney was unnecessary at this time in-
asmuch as he had already given the FBI all the information he had
and felt that this was sufficient.

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Director, FBI

May 22, 1950

Re: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL
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[] requested that the information he had furnished to the FBI be made known to him in order that he might refresh his memory. After being told what information he had previously furnished concerning MENZEL, he stated that this was a very accurate account of his statement. He advised that only one statement should be changed, not because it was inaccurate but because he felt that it should be broadened somewhat in meaning.

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[] further advised that he would back all the statements he had made relative to MENZEL, and felt that the information he had furnished had been very accurately and completely reported.

An amended page for referenced report is being submitted as an enclosure, in accordance with [] request. It will be noted that this change does not alter the meaning of the previous statement made by [] but does tend to broaden it somewhat.

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Very truly yours,



R. P. Kramer
Special Agent in Charge

at Harvard University, he advised, was a Doctor HARLOW SHAPLEY, who is a "big shot in the American Soviet Friendship Council" and in his personal opinion a person who believed in Russia getting everything she wanted. Because of the applicant's association with both these men, [] stated he became somewhat skeptical of him and approximately three years ago, after preparing a speech to be given before the American Institute of Mining Engineers at Chicago, Illinois, in which he rather severely criticized American colleges and universities for permitting instructors to teach political philosophies designed to over-throw our Democratic form of government, he invited Doctor MENZEL to read his speech in order to get MENZEL's reactions to it. He stated that after reading the speech, Doctor MENZEL was critical as to his comments relative to teachers in the universities and colleges in this country and took the position that there should be complete freedom in our educational system; that instructors should be permitted to teach any and all political philosophies, no matter what they were. [] stated that since that time, his relations with applicant had been somewhat strained and he felt that applicant, in taking that point of view, had indicated that he was at least not opposed to the teaching of all ideologies and political philosophies in our school system, whether Communism, Fascism, Nazism or whatever they may be.

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[] further advised that on one occasion, he had discussed with Doctor MENZEL the applicant's visit to Siberia, and that he had interpreted Doctor MENZEL's comments as being favorable to the Russian government and to conditions within that country; however, he was unable to recall any specific comments resulting in his opinion.

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[] stated that Doctor MENZEL had never done or said anything other than the above that would cause him to doubt his loyalty, but stated it was his personal conviction that while perhaps not disloyal, MENZEL was first a scientist and as such, believed in the complete freedom of the dissemination of all scientific information. He further advised that while he was unable to state that applicant was possibly disloyal, he felt that he was too closely associated with Doctor SHAPLEY and Doctor ROBERTS and, therefore, a poor risk if placed in a position where he would have access to information vital to national security.

[] General Superintendent, Climax Molybdenum Company, Denver, Colorado, advised that he has known the applicant since about 1940 in connection with his work in the establishment of the solar observatory at Climax, Colorado. He advised that Doctor WALTER ORR ROBERTS, Director of the observatory, has written many articles and has made several speeches which, in his opinion, indicated that Doctor ROBERTS believed in a free flow of all scientific information and which he interpreted as

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: October 5, 1953

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL
Consultant
Air Materiel Command
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Reference is made to your letter dated September 24, 1953, requesting additional copies of material forwarded to you in 1949 and 1950 regarding Donald Howard Menzel. It was pointed out that Menzel is presently employed as Consultant, Air Materiel Command, Department of the Air Force, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Member of Visiting Committee, National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

Pursuant to your request, there is attached one Photostat of each of the following reports concerning the employee:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 1, 1949, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 16, 1949, at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent James F. Butler dated September 14, 1949, at New York, New York

Report of Special Agent Don W. Walters dated September 14, 1949, at Denver, Colorado.

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dated August 24, 1949, at Newark, New Jersey.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated
August 24, 1949, at Omaha, Nebraska.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated
August 25, 1949, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated August 23, 1949, at San Francisco,
California.

There is also attached one copy of my letter to you
dated July 24, 1950.

Please advise this Bureau of the ultimate dispo-
sition which is made of this case.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: DONALD HOWARD MENZEL
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For your information, this Bureau furnished copies of reports covering the results of an Atomic Energy Act-Applicant investigation conducted in 1949 to the Civil Service Commission by letter dated October 5, 1949, for its information and consideration under the provisions of Executive Order 9835 inasmuch as Mr. Menzel was then employed as a Consultant with the Department of the Air Force, Cambridge, Massachusetts. By letter dated February 26, 1951, the Loyalty Review Board advised that Mr. Menzel had been found "Eligible on loyalty." By letter dated September 24, 1953, the Civil Service Commission advised that Mr. Menzel was still employed as a Consultant with the Department of the Air Force.

This is being furnished to you inasmuch as you may desire to consider making the information contained in your letter available to the Atomic Energy Commission, the Civil Service Commission, and the Department of the Air Force.

The files of this Bureau contain no additional disloyal or derogatory information concerning this individual. The above should not be disseminated to any unauthorized persons or agencies.

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(Note: AEA-A investigation disclosed Donald Howard Menzel, prominent Scientist, Harvard University, admitted former membership American Committee for Democratic and Intellectual Freedom which was cited by HCUA as subversive. In 1942 he attended meeting sponsored by Congress of American-Soviet Friendship and made short speech (complimentary to Russia) on his expedition to Russia in 1936 as leader of Harvard Institute of Technology's expedition to Russia to study effects of eclipse in that country. Informants reported he is possibly indiscreet but no positive evidence of disloyalty discovered. Reportedly closely associated with Harlow Shapley and others at Harvard University whom informants could not recommend as to loyalty without certain qualifications.)

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